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POLICE HUNT FOR BIKE RIDING BAG SNATCHER

By Karen Davis

A BIKE-riding robber who targets women with handbags is being hunted by police.

Fourteen women had their bags snatched since the middle of January, at locations across the town, and police are keen for information.

He is described as a white man in his late teens or early 20s and of average build. He does not speak during the robberies, but is very forceful in his approach.

He often wears a dark-coloured, woolen hat.

On a few occasions he is seen to wear a dark coat with some form of white symbol or writing on the back.

In most of the incidents, he was riding a dark-grey, adult's mountain bike that was quite old and rickety.

The offences involved female victims aged from 30 to 90 years old in Leigh, Westcliff and Southend. PC Simon Laurie, who is investigating the robberies, called for calm among those who have expressed concern.

"I do not want people to be scared," he said. "Please go about your business as normal but be extra alert."

"Use common sense, switch on to your surroundings and be aware of who is around you."

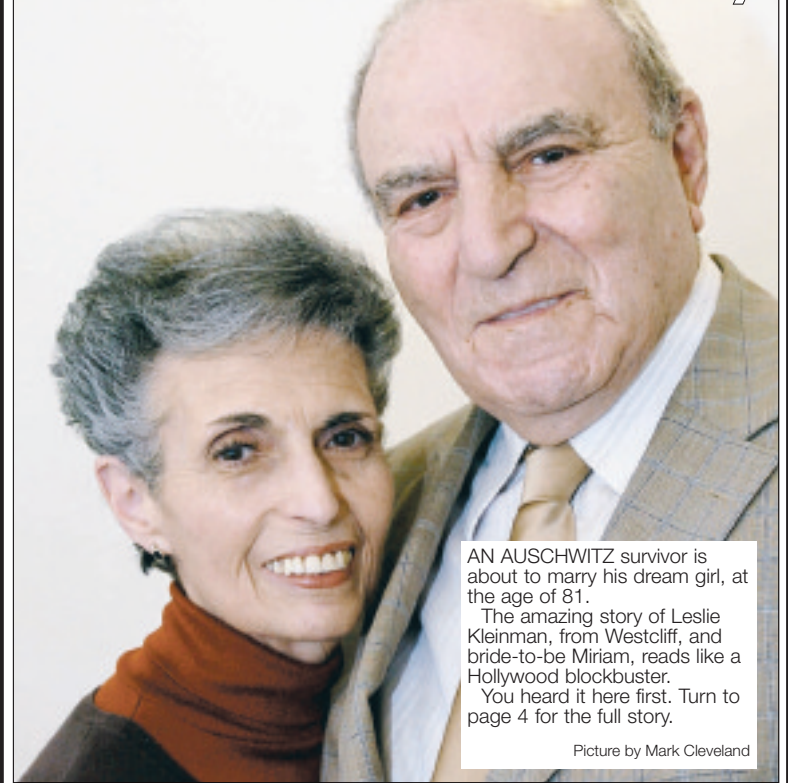
"We all become complacent in an area that we are familiar with. If you see someone you don't like the look of or who is acting suspiciously, call us. Use 999 if the situation warrants it. Don't carry large amounts of cash, or anything that looks inviting to a potential thief."

Police officers are conducting a variety of overt and covert police patrols in an active attempt to catch this man.

Anyone with information on the incidents, or with ideas on the identity of the suspect from the given description, is asked to please contact PC Laurie at Southend Police Station on 0300 333 4444, extension 470266.

If you wish to pass information anonymously, please call Crimestoppers on 0800 555111.

A remarkable love story



AN AUSCHWITZ survivor is about to marry his dream girl, at the age of 81.

The amazing story of Leslie Kleinman, from Westcliff, and bride-to-be Miriam, reads like a Hollywood blockbuster.

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Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Turning Tides will be on hand to help celebrate International Women's Day. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome. Call Chris on 01702 356071 or e-mail cssternshine@savs-southend.co.uk

Crime prevention

A FREE crime prevention even will take place at Thorpedene Library, in Delaware Road, Shoebury, on Saturday between 10am and 2pm.

Southend Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) has teamed up with Southend Libraries to offer the service.

For more information about the Community Safety Roadshow, call 01702 464199 or visit www.southendcdrp.co.uk

Toilet damaged

A CUSTOMER toilet has been damaged at a Southend supermarket.

Vandals damaged one of the public toilets in Sainsburys, in London Road, at some point between 2pm and 3pm on Friday, February 11. A toilet was pulled away from the wall and floor, causing damage worth an estimated £300.

Information to PC Marc Shaddock on 0300 3334444.

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For further information and tickets call the Ticket Hotline on 0844 415 4144, the Groups Hotline on 0871 2305 581, or visit www.idealhome.co.uk

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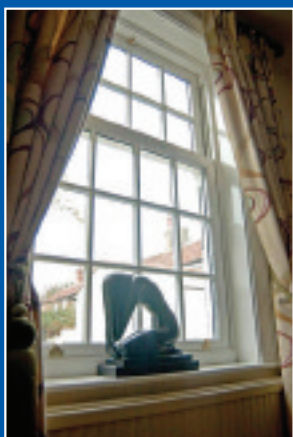
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A fruit for all seasons

By Karen Davis

AN APPLE tree in Southend has apparently forgotten what season it is.

The tree outside central library in Victoria Avenue, Southend, is still bearing fruit months after the end of the traditional apple season.

The fruit have survived through snow and freezing winter conditions.

Marianna Crenner is a tree specialist at London University. She explained that it was

not unheard of to have a few fruit on tress at this time of the year, but to be full of healthy fruit is very unusual.

Miss Crenner said: "It is possible that this tree is a hardy species that are often found in remote countryside like Ireland and Scotland."

SURPRISE: The apple tree outside Central library in Victoria Avenue.

Pictures by Mark Cleveland



Businessman supports apprenticeships scheme



A BUSINESSMAN is urging companies in the town to take on apprentices.

Gary Rose, from Planet Leasing, in London Road, lent his support to National Apprentice Week last week by speaking about the benefits of taking on youngsters.

Gary has taken on two apprentices – Elliot Rasche, 16, from Westcliff, who is working in sales support, and Evie Rogers, 18, from Leigh, who is learning about administration.

He said: "I would recommend the apprenticeship scheme to any employer.

"I needed to employ some staff and found that under the scheme I could take on 16 to 19 year-olds, and for the first year the council foot half of their wages bill.

"We are training Elliot and Evie up to become valued full-time members of our company."

Mr Rose also pointed out that many young people have problems getting into university because of financial restraints, and apprenticeship schemes are a win-win situation for everyone involved.

He explained: "Both of the apprentices are also studying for their NVQ 3 in business administration, and their presence definitely enhances my business."

YOU'RE HIRED: Gary Rose with apprentices Elliot Rasche and Evie Rogers.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Car theft attempt

AN ATTEMPT was made to steal a car from a Southend street.

A Ford Fiesta parked in Oakhurst Road, Southend, was entered between 6pm on Friday, February 11, and 9am the following day.

Around £250 damage has been caused to the inside of the car during unsuccessful attempts to hotwire it.

Anyone who saw suspicious activity in Oakhurst Road should call PC Marc Shaddock at Southend Police Station on 0300 3334444.

Goods stolen

BURGLARS have stolen an estimated £14,000 worth of goods during a raid on a Southend property.

A front door was forced at the flat in Pleasant Road, between 8.30am and 7.30pm by thieves.

They stole a number of items including cash, jewellery, a laptop, a bicycle, mobile phone and DVDs, worth an estimated total of around £14,000.

Call Southend Police on 0300 3334444 if you have information.

Burglar flees

A TEENAGED burglar was seen fleeing an address in Southend.

They entered a house in Ambleside Drive at around 2.15pm on Friday, February 11, but nothing was stolen.

A youngster, aged around 14-16, was seen jumping over the rear fence in the garden, towards the railway line. He or she was wearing a black tracksuit with a red stripe on it and was of slim build.

Call Southend Police on 0300 3334444.

Bag stolen

BURGLARS struck while a woman was having a shower between 3.45pm and 3.55pm on Friday, February 11.

Burglars entered the flat in Central Avenue, Southend, through an insecure back door and stole her handbag from her dining table.

The black and gold bag contained a passport and cards as well as an Apple iPhone, worth an estimated total of more than £400.

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'Faith brought us together'

**A WIDOW is preparing herself for a remarkable spring wedding in Tel Aviv. Miriam, 71, from Leigh, will marry Leslie, 81, - an Auschwitz survivor - in April.
Miriam's late husband was a captive in the same Nazi camp.
This is their story.**

By Paul Giles

LESLIE Kleinman returned to England in 2008 from Canada, where he had been living with his first wife, who died of leukaemia.

The 81-year-old settled in Hamlet Court Road, Westcliff, but found he kept forgetting his address.

This prompted him to get some address cards printed.

It was walking into a printers in London Road, Southend, where his amazing love match blossomed by chance.

Interest piqued by his distinct Hungarian accent, a lady in the shop - Rosalin - asked where he was from.

Mr Kleinman told her and also how he had lost all of his family in the Holocaust and that he spent more than a year in concentration camps as a child.

He also explained how he had moved back to England after his wife had died.

Moved by his story she invited him to her mother's home for a Sabbath meal. Her mother is Miriam.

Miriam said: "When my daughter told me the gentleman was coming, I thought I recognised the name."

When the pair met, they realised their paths had crossed before - in 1946. Leslie had run a dress manufacturers in the East End of London and had employed Miriam's late husband, Emil, as an electrician.

When he was looking at pictures in Miriam's home he instantly recog-

nised Emil. It then emerged that both Emil and Leslie had been child captives in Auschwitz.

From this point on, Miriam and Leslie met for coffee on a regular basis and fell in love with one another.

Miriam said she felt comfortable talking to Leslie about his experiences because her husband had shared his terrible memories with her too.

She said: "I understand a lot of what he says about the camps."

"We are very supportive of each other; it's almost as if we have found our soul mate."

In April the couple will fly to Tel Aviv to be married.

Leslie said: "I can't believe my luck really; meeting someone who knows about what I've been through has been great."

Speaking about their future together, Miriam said no one should ever think about giving up hope of finding that special someone.

She said: "If it is fated for you to meet someone it will happen."

"There was no way Leslie and I were looking for each other."

"He walked into that shop as if it was meant to be."

Leslie, who is 82 in May, feels lucky to have met his future wife.

He said: "I wish I had met her years ago to be honest."

"I feel that faith has brought us together. It's just very strange we have so much in common and have crossed paths again."



WEDDING: Leslie Kleinman and future wife Miriam.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

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Cash and card stolen

A MAN had cash and a card stolen after using an ATM in Southend High Street.

The 44 year-old was using the cash machine outside Halifax at around 12.15am on Friday, January 28.

Call PC Shaddock at Southend Police Station on 0300 333 4444.

Items stolen from jacket in pub

POLICE are investigating a theft from a pub on Friday, February 11.

A wallet containing cards, worth an estimated total of £15, was stolen from a jacket, which had been left hanging near the pool table in the Sutton Arms pub in Southchurch Road, Southend, between 11pm and midnight.

Call PC Robinson at Southend Police Station on 0300 333 4444.

Shop scrawled with graffiti

GRAFFITI was daubed over a YMCA shop in Southend last week.

The word 'ITEMS' was scratched into the window of the shop in Southchurch Road, sometime between 5.30pm on Friday, February 11, and 7.30am the following day.

The same word has also been painted in black paint on the wall next to the front door of the shop.

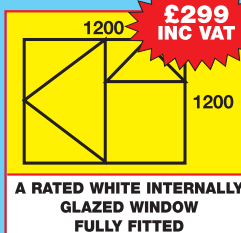
The damage will cost an estimated £530 to repair.

Call PC Kirk at Southend Police Station on 0300 333 4444.

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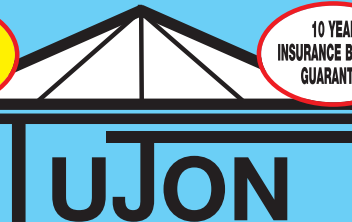
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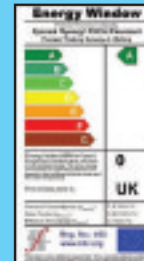


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WELCOME BOOST: Susannah Holland from the Dove Project, and Russell Gewitzke, senior branch manager at Natwest, Southend.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Charity's bank boost

By Karen Davis

A CHARITY that helps victims of domestic violence in Southend has received a welcome boost from a bank.

SOS Domestic Abuse Projects has been awarded £3,000 from the Natwest Community Fund to help deliver services to those affected by domestic abuse.

Residents in Southend were encouraged to vote online for their favourite charity throughout November to determine who would receive a share of £5,000.

Susannah Holland, fundraiser for the charity, said: "We're over

the moon to receive this funding from Natwest Community Fund.

"The grant will go towards our work at the Dove Project, which unfortunately has been reduced in the wake of funding shortages.

"Being a victim of domestic abuse can cause mental and emotional trauma. The Dove Project provides support and advice to women, helping them to stay safe and regain their confidence and self esteem."

Russell Gewitzke, senior branch manager for Natwest in Southend, said: "This is the first

round of grants from the Natwest Community Fund, and is something which we will continue on an annual basis.

"I'm delighted that SOS Domestic Abuse Projects were so successful. It's a testament to the quality of support they offer to people affected by domestic abuse in Southend."

If you are experiencing domestic abuse or need advice and support, contact SOS Domestic Abuse Projects on 01702 343868 or 01702 302333.

Always phone 999 in an emergency.

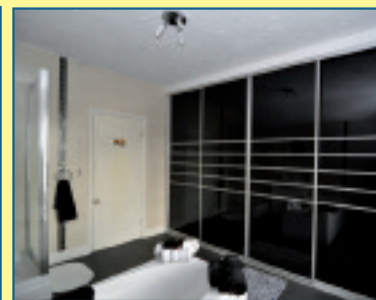
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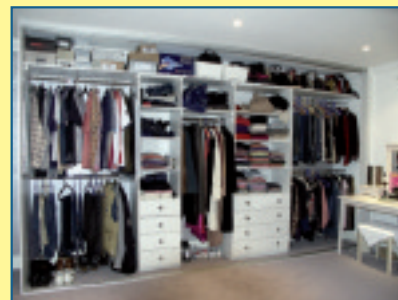
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Southend bids for city status

By Karen Davis

SOUTHEND is to bid to gain city status as part of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012.

MP for Southend West, David Amess, is backing the bid and started the campaign with a speech in The House of Commons.

He said that the City status would have a 'significant impact on the morale' of the town.

"It would give the local economy a major boost during a very difficult time for business and individuals alike," he said.

"I was surprised to discover there are only 66 cities in the United Kingdom and, shock horror, none are in Essex.

"I say to the House, how is it that the biggest county can not have a city?"

To mark the jubilee, the Government announced one town would be turned into a city ahead of the celebrations.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Cabinet Office, Mark Harper, explained there were no specific guidelines as to how a town would qualify for consideration.

He said: "If you look at a list of existing cities,

any attempt to draw up a list of criteria would run into difficulties immediately."

"Some cities in the UK are large, some are small, some have conspicuously laid out and attractive city centres, others are less so.

"Some have wonderful Cathedrals, universities, airports, underground systems or trams.

"Some may lack those physical features, but they may boast a vibrant cultural life."

The winning town will find out if its bid is successful early next year.

Southend applied for City Status in 2000 for the Millennium and in 2002 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee but was unsuccessful.

If Southend won the bid, it would mean the town had the potential to attract more investment from both the public and private sectors.

It is hoped that new developments such as City Beach, the new swimming pool and Victoria Gateway will help the entry.

The deadline for entries is Friday, May 27.

Stockport, Blackpool and Reading are among the towns already in the running for city status.

Picture by Mark Cleveland



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Men charged

A PAIR of young men have been charged after reports of assault on Friday, December 10, 2010.

Police were called to the service area in Elmer Approach.

Sean Fleming, 18, of no fixed address, was charged with assault causing actual bodily harm on December 10 and further charged with supplying heroin in Southend on Monday, November 8, 2010, and with supplying cocaine at Southend on Tuesday, February 8, 2011.

A 20-year-old man from Westcliff has been charged with assault causing actual bodily harm on December 10 and was bailed to appear at Southend Magistrates' Court yesterday (Wednesday).

Trio arrested

A MAN and two women were arrested after a man suffered an injury to his head.

The incident took place on Monday, February 14 in Brightwell Avenue, Westcliff.

The 28 year-old victim was taken to Southend Hospital and released following treatment.

The trio have been charged with wounding with intent and possession of an offensive weapon.

Beware cold callers

HOUSEHOLDERS are being warned about cold-callers offering to reduce their electricity and heating costs.

One resident was told that because he was over the age of 50, he qualified for a free government-backed scheme, allowing him to benefit from cheaper bills if he purchased a solar-energy heating system.

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VISIT: President of Rotary International, Jim Moulson, and representatives from six South Essex Rotary clubs met with Southend hospital staff to see how donations were making a difference.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

Rotary president visits hospital

By Karen Davis

THE PRESIDENT of an international charity visited Southend Hospital last week.

Jim Moulson, president of Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland (RIBI), saw for himself how fundraising and donations by local Rotary branches to the Bosom Pals Appeal have benefited Southend Hospital's breast unit.

The RIBI chief was accompanied by representatives from six

south Essex Rotary clubs - Thorpe Bay, Rayleigh Mill, Southend, Leigh, Southend East and Hadleigh.

Between them these clubs have raised more than £39,000 to support the appeal since it was launched in May 2009 to raise £750,000 for digital mammography equipment.

Mr Moulson and other RIBI executives met staff from the breast unit, including lead consultant Neil Rothnie, as well as members of Southend Hospital

Charitable Foundation - the group which runs the Bosom Pals Appeal - and hospital chief executive John Gilham and chairman John Bruce.

The appeal has already bought the two digital mammography devices, the second of which should be up and running up the end of the month.

Fundraising continues to buy essential additional software and IT equipment, as well as provide improvements at the breast unit to benefit patients.

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Author visits school

AN INTERNATIONAL best-selling author visited Belfairs High School in Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea.

Christopher Lloyd, author of the 'What on Earth' series, discussed his own version of the history of planet Earth from the Big Bang to the current day with students from year eight.

"Christopher has an off-beat approach to his subject," said George Allen who runs the Belfairs Learning Resources Centre.

"His talk was witty and informative and the students very much enjoyed his history of the world in 60 minutes."

Voucher appeal

THE FIRST Thundersley Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers are appealing for Sainsbury's Active Kids and Tesco for Schools vouchers.

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Assembly meeting

SOUTHEND Older People's Assembly is meeting on Wednesday, March 2, in the council Chamber at the Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend.

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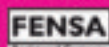


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SAFETY: Brian Wood has called on drivers to take part in courses.

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Safe driving

By Matthew Stanton

A PROJECT aimed at making Essex's roads safer is celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Stemming from proposals made from a former chief constable of Southend Police, the Southend Advanced Drivers Association has helped reduce accidents in the county since forming in 1961.

The proposal back then was for police to conduct both theory and practical advanced driving examinations for drivers and this remains the same today.

Chairman Brian Wood, 68, from Hullbridge, said: "We will celebrate the anniversary by trying to get as many

through the exam as possible this year.

"Advanced drivers in this county are less than two per cent, including emergency service personal. Our goal is make all roads safer, not just those in Southend and Essex.

"I urge everyone to take the time and sit the course. Not only will you be safer but you will also save money economically from advice given."

The Association holds two theory courses each year inside Southend Council's Civic Centre, in Victoria Avenue, and only a maximum of 30 can be taken on each course.

Once the candidate has passed the exam, they are eligible to take the practical test

with instructors from the Police Driving School at Chelmsford.

Every candidate will also receive the Police Drivers Manual and a copy of the Highway Code.

The next six evening course begins on Monday, March 7, costing £33.

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The true meaning of Sciatica is often misunderstood. The term is merely a group of symptoms and not a diagnosis. This means that if you have been told you have Sciatica, you still have not been given a diagnosis, as the diagnosis is being told what is causing your Sciatica symptoms. Having a correct diagnosis is important because the treatment options for the different causes are very different.

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■ **Spinal Stenosis:** This is where the hole for your spinal nerve to exit from the spinal canal closes up and puts pressure on the affected nerve, causing Sciatica.

■ **Piriformis Syndrome:** The piriformis is a muscle in your buttock. The Sciatic nerve passes very closely to this muscle and in rare cases passes through the muscle. When this muscle gets tight it can irritate the Sciatic nerve, which can cause Sciatica.

As a Chiropractor, many people come to me with sciatica. Narrowing the symptoms down to a diagnosis involves a thorough case history, an orthopaedic examination to find out where the symptoms are coming from, a neurological examination to find out if and how the nerves are affected and a Chiropractic examination to find out how your spine is functioning.

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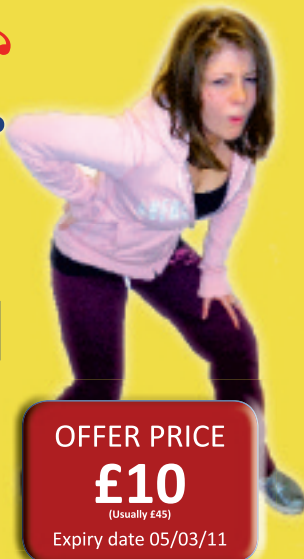
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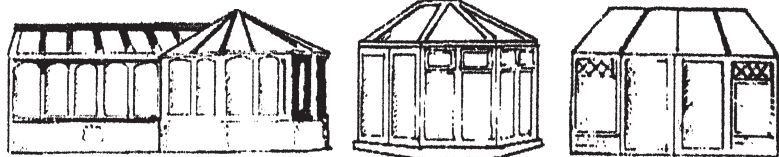
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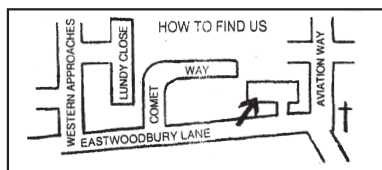


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ENTRANCE: Denis Lloyd, from the Parks Department, at the opening of the new entrance.

Picture by Mark Cleveland

New gates opened

By Karen Davis

A NEW pedestrian entrance to Priory Park was officially opened last week.

It also includes a crossing at the junction of Victoria Avenue and Priory Crescent, meaning visitors can now cross in safety near the

entrance.

The gates, opened by Mayor of Southend, Councillor Ann Holland, were custom made by Pleshey Forge of Chelmsford to a design drawn up by Southend Council's parks Section and have a paint finish guaranteed for 30 years.

It reflects shapes seen in the timber frame of the Priory inside the park and will be positioned so as to be visible from as many vantage points as possible around the new junction.

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Cycle scheme makes its mark

By Karen Davis

A SERIES of bike rides have been awarded the London 2012 Inspire Mark.

Southend's Legacy 2012 supports the rides organised by Cycle Southend, called Gateway to the Games.

They all start from different parts of Southend, and finish at Hadleigh Castle, the scene of the Olympic Mountain Biking events in August 2012.

They are among a small number of projects and

events considered outstanding enough to contribute to the Games' lasting legacy, and have thereby won the special recognition of the Inspire Mark.

This in turn gives the rides an even higher profile and more funding possibilities.

Future rides take place on the following:

■ Saturday, February 26, 1pm, meeting point Chalkwell Park, mixed off and on-road (via

Leigh Broadway, Belton Way, seawall path)

■ Sunday, March 6, 1pm, meeting point Southend Leisure and Tennis Centre, Garon Park. Mixed on and off road (via Prittlebrook, extended route through Belfairs/Thundersley).

■ Saturday, March 12, 9am, meeting point ReCycle

Centre, Brunel Road, Eastwood.

Mostly off-road (via Woods in Castle Point, down into Hadleigh).

■ Sunday, March 20, 9am, meeting point Blenheim Park. Mostly off road (via Castle Point Woods).

More rides are due to be arranged during April.

Half term activities

ACTIVITIES for families visiting Southend seafront this half term have been organised by Essex Police.

Unless there is an urgent operational need, the mounted unit (police horses) and the Advanced Cycling Team will be on hand every day to chat to members of the public about the specialist roles they play in the policing of Essex.

They are also due to be joined by the Marine Unit and their police jet-ski on Thursday and Friday. A driving simulator will be available for the public to try out Wednesday and Friday.

School run patrols

POLICE in Shoebury are tackling the problem of inconsiderate driving and parking outside schools.

Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) now patrol schools across the Shoebury area during busy school-run times, to provide a high visibility presence while parents drop off and pick up their children from school.

Letters have also been sent to parents of schoolchildren informing them that PCSOs will be deployed outside schools and inviting them to approach any if there are any issues they wish to discuss.

Valentine's dress down

A PRIMARY school held a Valentine's dress down day to raise funds for Havens hospices.

Pupils wore something pink and blue to help raise £275.

Natalie Taylor, teacher assistant at the school in Bosworth Road, Leigh-on-Sea, said: "It's been a great day, and with it being Valentine's Day it was the perfect day for the school to show some love to those in need."

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THE winner of Yellow Advertiser's Baby & Toddler of the Year 2010 competition has been announced.

Winner Stan Harnwell, his mother Lee and sister Charlotte dropped in to The Royals Shopping Centre, in Southend, which supports the competition last week to collect his prize.

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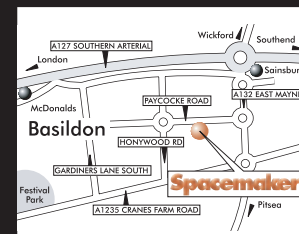
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Beware bogus 2012 websites

POLICE are warning people who are looking to watch Hadleigh's Olympic mountain biking events to be wary of bogus websites.

Essex Police urged sports fans to be vigilant with more than eight million tickets going on sale for the Games on Tuesday, March 15.

Officers fear residents could fall victim to fake or non-existent tickers and accommodation packages where crooks can steal card details.

Chief Inspector John Walker, from Essex Police's Olympic Planning team, said: "The 2012 Games will be the biggest sporting event this country has ever hosted with Essex hosting its own event, mountain biking at Hadleigh Farm.

"Criminals will be looking for ways to benefit from the Games, either through selling fake tickets or setting up professional looking sites offering accommodation and other services

which may look genuine, but could leave you a victim.

"If you are offered something that appears to be a bargain and too good to be true it probably is."

The warning comes after the London 2012 Olympic schedule announced the mountain bike competitions would be held on the weekend of Saturday, August 11, next year.

The women's race will run from 12.30pm to 2.30pm on the Saturday and men's race from 1.30pm to 3.30pm on the Sunday.

Tickets cost £20 to £45. The London 2012 ticket application process closes on Tuesday, April 26.

To apply for tickets through LOCOG as tickets visit the official Olympic site on www.tickets.london2012.com

Any suspicious activity should be reported to police or brandprotection@london2012.com

Walking your way to the Games

A GROUP of walkers took part in the first Olympic themed walks arranged across south Essex in Priory Park last week.

The event was part of the 'Walking your Way to the Games' challenge.

This joint initiative, between NHS South East Essex, Local Authorities and the Essex Legacy team at Essex County Council, provides local people with an opportunity to participate in picturesque walks arranged across

south Essex.

The ultimate challenge is to collect five badges in all five colours.

The next walk due to take place is on March 16 at 10.30am, at Canvey sea wall (meeting up in Labworth car park).

The distance of this walk will be between 1.5 and 1.75 miles.

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Train operator wins award

NATIONAL Express train operator c2c Rail has won the national award for the handling of 'managing disruption' at the rail industry Golden Whistle Awards.

The awards are organised by the Institution of Railway

Operators and rail industry journal Modern Railways, and acknowledges best practice in the rail industry.

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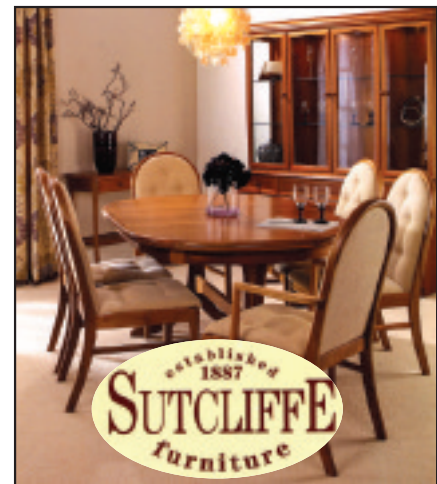
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TA unit opens

By Karen Davis

A NEW TA unit officially opened for business with an open evening last week.

Local councillors, representatives from the education sector and a range of local businesses attended the evening at Southend TA Centre.

Guests met the new occupants, 217 Engineer Squadron, whose members undergo specialist training as members of Search Teams for improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

The formation of the new troop is part of the Army's plans to increase its capability to counter the increased use of IEDs.

Lieutenant Colonel Jackie Allan, the deputy chief executive of East Anglia Reserve Forces and Cadet Association (EARFCA), said "It was very heartening to see so many members of the previous Royal Signals TA unit, who were obviously delighted to get the opportunity to remain training in their local TA centre, and were relishing the challenge of learning a new trade."

Some Royal Engineer bomb disposal assets were available as part of the equipment displays including the remote controlled Dragon Runner, a lightweight, multi-terrain robot capable of detecting a variety of devices without putting the

operator in harm's way, helping bomb disposal experts find and deactivate improvised explosive devices (IEDs).

Members of 217 Squadron brought along a range of demonstration mines, IEDs, protective clothing and the equipment used by Royal Engineers for both the Search and bomb disposal roles.

The squadron are looking for new members.

The TA centre is open for recruits on Tuesday evenings between 8pm and 10pm, to find out more visit www.reserve-forcesanglia.org.uk. Alternatively you can enquire through the Ilford office on 020 8477 7715.

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Mick, who runs the company with his wife Joanne and his son Lee, said: "We started out providing stair lifts, but we've branched out and expanded over the years. We like to think we're the only company that you need to know as we offer the whole package for all your mobility needs." The firm also carries out Disabled Facility Grants work and provides a 24 hour emergency call out service, to make sure people have the equipment they need day or night.

The company, which started out working in the Essex area before expanding to East London, is now looking at expanding into Kent. Mountfield has built up a long list of clients, including individuals, companies and local authorities, such as Thurrock Council, Southend Council, Castle Point Council, Swan Housing, The British Legion, South Essex Homes and Fairhavens Hospice.

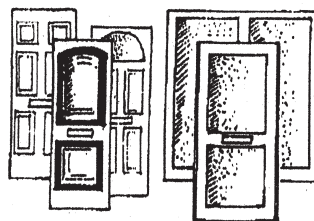
Mick said: "It's really fulfilling to work with people with mobility needs and to help them improve their lives. "We also work with Macmillian Nurses and install rental stair lifts so people who are terminally ill can spend time at home. "We provide this at cost as it's one of the ways we can give something back to the local communities that we serve."

For more information about Mountfield Services Ltd visit its showroom at Unit 3-7, Han House, Harvey Road, Burnt Mills Industrial Estate, Basildon, SS13 1EP, call staff on 01268 451 886 or 0800 496 0997, or log onto the company's own website at www.mountfieldservices.co.uk or email sales@mountfieldservices.co.uk

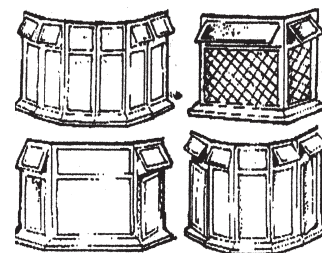
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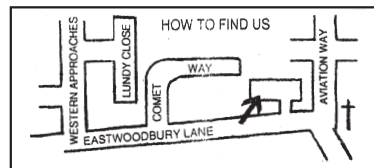


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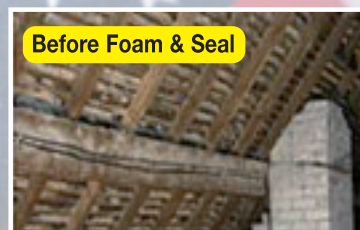
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Medicine campaign

By Karen Davis

A CAMPAIGN aimed at reducing an estimated £2.2million wasted on medicines has been launched.

NHS South East Essex hopes to raise awareness about correctly ordering repeat prescriptions and helping people get the best from their medicines.

The potential money wasted on medicines across South East Essex, could pay for:

- 593 hip replacements.
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GPs and pharmacists across South East Essex have joined together in a bid to educate patients about their

treatment and to help patients understand more about their medicines and the options they have. One of the main concerns is medicines on repeat prescriptions, which are ordered and collected by patients but are not used.

Simon Williams, associate director of Community Pharmacy and Medicines at NHS South East Essex, said: "Everyone involved in prescribing, dispensing or reviewing medicines needs to make sure that patients are involved in making decisions about their treatment and that more medicines are taken as recommended."

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Opinion and readers' letters

Airport expansion should happen

DENIS Walker and SAEN have finally lost the last bit of credibility they had. They state that they know for a fact that the runway extension will not bring any economic benefits to the town.

Do they not realise there will be hundreds of jobs created from the expansion when finished.

Maybe SAEN think that the airport will employ robots instead of humans to work in the new terminal, hotel and train station.

SAEN campaigners have obviously never stayed in a hotel before as they must think that the beds make themselves, and the food and drink magically appears in front of them, and people check themselves in.

Plus a lot of the contracts to help build the new terminal and control tower went to Essex-based companies as well.

Southampton Airport, for example, handles two million passengers a year and contributes £86million a year to the local economy.

Also, to give you an idea of how uneffected people will be by the extra flights. A friend of mine who works in the

offices at the airport (not for the airport itself I might add) was chatting to an SAEN campaigner a while back.

He was moaning about how bad it would be with all the extra flights. This conversation took place the day after Southend Airport was used to take on lots of London City Airport's diversions (due to bad weather). My friend then said to him 'I bet you was not very happy about all the extra flights yesterday then' and he replied by saying 'What extra flights?' He did not even know what had happened, and this was from a retired resident in Leigh, right under the flight path. I rest my case.

SAEN are just making information up to suit them, and avoiding the truth.

Denis Walker is from Friends of the Earth and is not really worried about the residents of Southend like he claims, and that is the real reason for his protests.

Most residents want the runway extension to happen, so please don't listen to all of the lies from the small minority of SAEN supporters, trying to block what is the best thing to happen to this area in a very long time.

Lee Jarvis, Southend

Park football is superb

I NEVER thought the day

would come when I would agree with a letter from Julian Ware-Lane however his missive on local football had me cheering.

He is too modest to point out that he is also a first class referee. I discovered my local team by accident but now follow them regularly both home and away. Shoebury Town is run by two enthusiasts, Tony and Gaz and they have built a team that play attractive, passing football with none of the kick and rush you expect from park sides.

They have a fantastic team spirit and unlike my other team, West Ham, they don't give up the moment things go against them. The level of skill and the notion of fair play was a surprise to me and I can only urge anyone wanting superb Saturday afternoon entertainment to wander over to the local park and see what is on offer.

Southend Borough Combination is particularly well run and the website gives all the stats, fixtures and results in a most comprehensive and informative manner so you know exactly where your team is playing.

Money may well motivate the top clubs and players but the true heart and spirit of football is alive and well in your local park.

Alan McClelland, Shoebury

Concerned by ward closure

I WAS very concerned to read that the George Foster Taylor Ward is closing down.

This is probably the very best of the few good wards at the hospital.

The staff are excellent and caring. My mother was in there over a year ago before she died and she received the best attention and care.

I know that the staff would still recognise me after all this time and spend a few minutes.

The other wards that she was in were absolutely terrible! Supposed to be especially for old people. There was no window, no radio, no television and people were left for hours whilst the nurses sat and talked around the desk.

You could never get to see the Sister or any senior staff and if you could not eat yourself then your plate was just left and taken away full.

The call button was invariably left out of reach. My mother had control of her bladder but of course it was far simpler to fit a cafeter.

My thoughts are for all the poor elder people who have no visitors and nobody to look out for them.

My uncle is in hospital at the moment after having a stroke and he also suffers from Alzheimer's.

Last Sunday my husband took a keyboard up to the hospital to play and the results were amazing. He perked up, recognised tunes and started to make jokes.

We plan to do this again this Sunday, if allowed, in his ward where there are now more patients and some who heard about this are eagerly awaiting.

Please Southend Hospital do not close down one of your very best wards where the staff actually care and spend time with their patients

Gail Grindell, Southend

Gentlemen still out there

I WOULD like to thank the Gentleman who not only made my year, he made me cry with his thoughtfulness.

I'd had a terrible morning and was queuing in Asda. A very nice man in front of me had a beautiful bunch of flowers in his trolley. I cheekily asked him 'what had he done wrong?' and he joked back with me.

As he was leaving, I said to the till operator that no one bought me flowers now as I'm very disabled, in a wheelchair and I'm a Quasimodo look alike! I then noticed the same gentleman had come back to the till with a bunch of roses in his hand, he gave them to me, saying just 'there you

are'.

I was so taken aback by his generosity that I could hardly say thank you.

The extremely kind and wonderful gesture of this man will stay with me for ever.

Thank you so much Kind Sir, you made a bad day into a great one, and I won't forget it. Behind me, a man helped put my bag onto the back of my chair, I said "Another gentleman, thank you". He smiled and said 'we're like buses'.

I was overwhelmed. Thank you Kind Sirs, you made feel like a lady and not someone to be avoided and ignored.

A Great Day.

Carol Cohen, via e-mail

Transport links must remain

IT IS crucial that while we are in the payback period (of the deficit) that in public transport we seek to maintain the current network capacity and even if the commercial companies, especially the bus companies, need to reach urgent agreements to share so called unprofitable routes, to save route closure, that they do exactly that.

The 24 bus route (First Essex Buses) is being withdrawn serving Highlands Woodland Park area with Leigh. It is essential that urgent reconsideration is given by First Essex Buses and that some creative spirit is employed to preserve this section of the route.

The spirit of localism does not just apply to a community but also the commercial community, especially in public transport.

Councillor Mrs Gwen Horrigan (West Leigh Ward) has reacted with disbelief that this important connecting route is being withdrawn and is urging First Essex to either reconsider or enter into discussion with other providers to share the route.

Also Councillors John Lamb and Nigel Holdcroft are supporting a local campaign against the withdrawal.

The Council is writing to First Group asking them to reconsider the withdrawal of the service 24 over the section Highlands Woodlands Park to Leigh Rail Station.

**Councillor Mark Flewitt
Portfolio Holder Transport
& Planning**

Play was a delight

BY SERENDIPITIOUS circumstance, we were given a flyer for a comedy play 'Goods Inward', written by local playwright Bert Wolstenholme and presented by the Basildon Players last week.

Although we live in

Rainham, we are firm believers in supporting local theatre, so we booked seats and drove to Basildon for the final performance on Saturday; and what a treat it was!

'Goods Inward' is a hilarious snapshot of working life as it used to be, detailing the farcical goings-on at an engineering factory in the latter half of the 20th Century; it brought back many memories of my own experiences as an apprentice in the '60s.

The play is set in the Goods Inward Department of a factory in the days when we actually made things, and has many strong characters, ranging from the dyed-in-the-wool Union Representative, to the gossip-ridden office girl, along with all the intrigue and skiving off in a large British factory, as it used to be.

All the cast performed with distinction, with the many one-line gags coming at you like bullets from a gun!

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and look forward to the next production by the Basildon Players.

**Robert Gillman and
Alexandra Wilde, Rainham**

Spirit of Egypt in Southend

I REALLY enjoyed reading last week's Yellow Advertiser. It clearly caught some of the Egyptian spirit.

The editorial and letters were clearly taking our dictatorial cabinet to task. Not before time.

Nigel Holdcroft and Anna Waite are determined to keep the autocratic cabinet system with 10 'yes' members and 40 fodder councillors.

We need less councillors and a committee system, hopefully with more independents.

Southend Council has made a mess of our town, intent on tarring it up instead of fixing what was broke.

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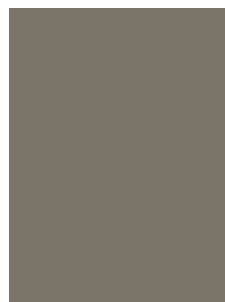
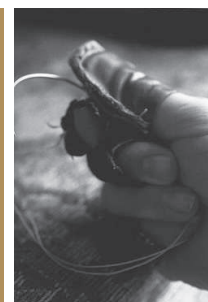
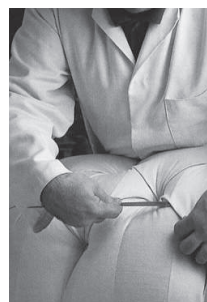
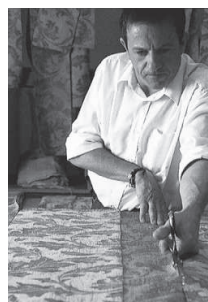
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Police cycling team gets new chief

By Karen Davis

A POLICE cycling team that serves the South Eastern division of Essex Police, has a new skipper.

Sergeant Chris Bramhill swapped his job in the custody block for his new bicycle-based role in January, taking over at the helm from the Advanced Cycling Team's (ACT) previous supervisor, Sergeant Paul Bird.

The ACT, which also comprises of two constables and two PCSOs, has been involved in 18 arrests since the start of the year.

This includes an arrest last week, in which a 20-year-old local man was arrested after a pursuit, and later charged with fraud and theft of pedal

cycle.

Sgt Bramhill said: "Being on bike enables us to respond immediately to incidents, faster than being on foot but with greater accessibility than being in a car.

"We are really reaping the benefits - it's hard for criminals to get away from us.

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Harold Wood Park has continued to be transformed over the years thanks to the installation of new children's play equipment as well as an outdoor gym. This work, which included a programme of extensive re-landscaping, led to the site to achieve its first Green Flag in 2009.

As facilities at the park have improved over the years so has the endless opportunities for cycling, walking and exploring adjacent open space.

Harold Wood Park is set beside the River Ingrebourne, which runs from South Weald to the River Thames. Land on the other side of the river is the former farmstead of Mount Pleasant and Pages Farm, which was taken over by the

Thames Chase Community Forest project several years ago. Work began on opening the site to the public and bridges were installed across the river to link the area with Harold Wood Park, offering even more opportunities to visitors.

Harold Wood Park itself is a large, impressive area of open grassland that offers hours of fun for all the family. There are tree-lined pathways to stroll along, a large enclosed play area aimed at children up to the age of 12, and an outdoor gym, multi-activity ball court, and a skateboard area for older children.

The park has been a heart of the local community for many decades and past and present residents' memories have been captured on Oral History Waymarker Boards, which are dotted around the park next to its pathways. The Friends of Harold Wood Park were asked to obtain an oral history of the park as part of the Green Flag process and the information they collected are included on the waymarkers. The boards have captured the memories of people who have used the park over the decades and include their childhood memories of playing in the park, what it has meant to them and their families, and what facilities have attracted them to the park over the years.

The park has plenty of scope for ball games with the family, thanks to its impressive area of open grassland, and offers a great place for a picnic while the children enjoy the playground and other facilities.

If you want to wander further then take a stroll along the river to

WARM WELCOME: The entrance to Pages Wood from Harold Wood Park.



the wooden bridge across the River Ingrebourne, where you will find the entrance to Pages Wood, a site managed by the Forestry Commission as part of the Thames Chase project.

Along with Ingrebourne Hill, Pages Wood is the Forestry Commission's largest site in Thames Chase, and since it was opened more than 100,000 trees have been planted there. The tree

planting is part of a project that is creating a mixture of open space and woodland for local people and visitors to enjoy. As the trees mature they will create broad areas of woodland sandwiched between grassy meadows.

As well as the bridge that connects the site to Harold Wood Park, there are also two other bridges in Pages Wood that allow visitors to explore the meadows and hedges in the south west of the site.

The area offers amazing potential for long walks or cycle rides without encountering road traffic, which is great if you want to enjoy a safe bike ride with the kids.

The area also offers more potential for keeping them amused as there are meadows to explore and plenty of wildlife to see, from birds to butterflies.

If you want to wander ever further than this then Harold Wood Park is on the route of the London Loop, a well trodden path that is described as 'the M25 for walkers'. The loop, called the London Outer Orbital Path, is a 150 mile signed walk along public footpaths, and through parks, woods and fields around the edge of outer London, and runs through the site along the River Ingrebourne.

So, whether you want to take the kids out, relax or enjoy some gentle exercise, why not visit Harold Wood Park and make the most of its facilities before heading across to Pages Wood to see what it has to offer.

The area is a valley of green space that offers a rich mosaic of habitats that really shouldn't be missed.

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■ **DIRECTIONS:** Harold Wood Park is located off Squirrels Heath Road, Harold Wood. The park has four access points including its main entrance at Harold View (off Squirrels Heath Road), entrances at Recreation Avenue and Brimsmead Road, and its bridge access from Pages Wood. Its car park can be reached via the park's main entrance. Pages Wood is in Hall Lane between the A127 and Shepherds Hill. Pedestrians can enter the site from Harold Wood Park, off Shepherd Hill, or from Hall Lane.

■ **OPENING HOURS:** Both site are open from dawn to dusk. Check the closing time at the entrance to the car parks. Entrance is free.

■ **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Visit www.havering.gov.uk. For Pages Wood and Thames Chase Community Forest visit the Forestry Commission's website at www.forestry.gov.uk

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- Sunday Club, TGH Evangelical Church, Kin Road, Thundersley, (children 3-12 years), Bible stories, craft, singing, every Sunday 10.45-11.45am, no charge, further details 01702 554904.

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- Benfleet Camera Club, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, Benfleet, 'Audio-visual evening', 8-10pm.
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Tuesday, March 1

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Southend Bridal Guide

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THE journey from saying 'yes' to 'I do' can be a long one as you attempt to plan your big day.

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Journey to the heart of Ethiopia

By Peter Beal

IN the remote hillside town of Lalibela, almost 400 miles north of Ethiopia's capital of Addis Ababa, a new communications mast and the odd tumbledown shack advertising internet access are rare indications that the 21st Century has arrived.

Otherwise, life in these dusty streets in the shadow of the distant Bugna mountains seems almost Biblical.

Many of the 25,000 inhabitants still dwell in turkuls - traditional round two-storey thatched mud and wood houses, with their livestock on the ground floor. Most homes lack electricity, and water is fetched from standpipes, often some distance away.

Twelve rock churches, painstakingly hewn by hand in the 12th and 13th centuries from unforgiving volcanic rock, are sunk into the ground and surrounded by networks of 40ft deep trenches, virtually invisible from the surrounding hills.

There are some 1,000 rock churches in the country but none as breathtaking as these, now part of a UNESCO World Heritage site. The Church of the Holy Saviour, or Bet Medhane Alem, is the largest monolithic rock church

Our group ventured down the steep rock steps and tunnels in the volcanic tufa (one more than 100ft high which we braved with the help of lighted tapers) that link the churches, many of whose surrounding walls contain graves and hermits' caves.

The churches, among the most extraordinary architectural creations of human civilisation, are easily reached on foot, although a certain nimbleness is needed to negotiate rocky mazes around them.

Lalibela is a centre of religious pilgrimage - up to 40,000 people arrived on January 6 to celebrate Christmas - and is the most visited of Ethiopia's tourist attractions.

It is a welcoming place: children follow you through the streets and mountain lodge-type hotels accommodate visitors.

After touring the churches we enjoyed the peace of a quiet garden for a traditional coffee ceremony. Coffee was first harvested and drunk in Ethiopia and this formal affair can take up to two hours.

We flew 15 miles from Addis Ababa to Lalibela's small airport

and then took an exhilarating drive across sparse, open hillsides from the town.

The trip is part of the two-week Discovery Tour by operators Cox and Kings. It also takes in Axum, Ethiopia's early centre of civilisation and reputed home of the Queen of Sheba and the Ark of the Covenant, the first capital of Gondar at the foot of the Simien mountains, and Bahir Dar, near the source of the Blue Nile on Lake Tana, with its historical island monasteries.

In an Addis Ababa restaurant, a traditional meal for our group of six was served on one huge platter on a central low table.

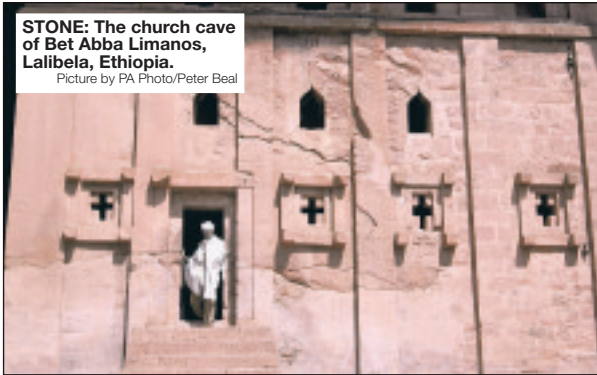
The platter is entirely covered with a layer of the staple Ethiopian bread injera, a sort of sourdough-like fermented pancake, and the dishes of peppery chicken and meat stews, cheeses and yoghurts, are piled on top.

Tourism in this often troubled country is still in its infancy, halted entirely for more than three years from 1998 during the Eritrean War.

Now 400,000 visitors a year arrive mainly from the UK, France, Italy and Germany. The total grows annually by 25 per cent, and a five-year drive aims to increase that to a million, to earn targeted revenue of \$2bn.

Construction, including new hotels, is booming. Ethiopia boasts one of the lowest crime rates in Africa, far lower than many Western European countries.

Tourism chiefs know the country has deep-rooted image problems of war and famine, with some border areas still out of bounds. But 40 per cent of first-time visitors, mainly keen to see historical sites, return.



STONE: The church cave of Bet Abba Limanos, Lalibela, Ethiopia.
Picture by PA Photo/Peter Beal

TRAVEL FACTS


Peter was a guest of Cox & Kings, which arranges group and private travel to Ethiopia. Its Ethiopian Odyssey is a 14-day/11-night escorted group tour from £2,950, including return flights with BMI, transfers, guided excursions and full board. Private tours start at £3,760.

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To share or not to share?

When it comes to sharing our chips, it clearly depends who's asking. While most of us are happy to share with a friend or partner if asked (94% and 90%), this falls to 55% if it's the boss doing the asking. It also seems that women are a bit more charitable, with more women than men thinking it's OK to share, whoever asks. The exception appears to be on a first date...

Dating dilemmas:

The Chip Report reveals an interest divide when it comes to first date etiquette: While 61% of men think it's acceptable for their date to 'share' their chips uninvited, this only applies to 46% of women.

"Women are also falling into the trap of believing that men prefer women who don't have a big appetite. This is simply not true as most men prefer women with whom they can enjoy the simple pleasures in life, including eating food – particularly at a time of economic uncertainty such as the one we are in currently."

Other findings of The Chip report include:

We have a low 'chip rustling' tolerance: We all know that some women would rather pinch chips from their man's plate than order their own, but just how many do we think is an acceptable number? Half of us (51%) will only tolerate one or two to be pinched from our plates, but when the boot is on the other foot, two-thirds (65%) think it's OK to pinch a couple from someone else's. The vast majority of us though (87.5%) will tolerate no more than a handful of chips being 'liberated'.

Younger people don't give a fork:

While almost half of us (47%) prefer to eat chips with a knife and fork, this drops to 24% among 16-24 year-olds, who like to get stuck in with their fingers (38% vs 25% for the total population).

We're going Continental

(well, some of us are): While salt and vinegar remain the people's preferred condiment overall (37%), this appears to be on the wane, with younger generations preferring ketchup or mayonnaise. One in five 25-34 year-olds say mayonnaise is their favourite, while a whopping 40% of 16-24 year-olds plump for tomato ketchup as their first choice. Mayo is also more popular among women, with 15% saying it is their preferred condiment (vs 8% men).

Things are different in London:

When it comes to toppings, Londoners buck the national trend as the only region in Britain to prefer ketchup to salt and vinegar.

Anything goes for the youngsters:

For 16-24 year olds, it's a case of anytime, anywhere when it comes to chip eating. This age group is most likely eat them 'on-the-go' with 55% regularly eating them while walking down the street and nearly a quarter (22%) enjoying them on their way home from a night out.

Chips under cover:

While our love of chips is without question, some of us clearly take it to extremes, with a minority of us (7%) enjoying chips in bed.

Potato Council's Caroline Evans says: "Each year we eat around 1.7 million tonnes of chips a year in various forms, and thanks to The Chip Report now have a clearer picture of the different ways in which they are enjoyed by different age groups, genders and parts of the country."

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After a successful Christmas and a busy Valentine's Day, Chiquita is now preparing for Mother's Day, when the restaurant will be the perfect place to celebrate Mothering Sunday.

Anyone interested in booking a table for Sunday, April 3, is urged to call as soon as possible and book early to avoid disappointment.

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Anyone interested in a VIP card, which has to be presented to receive offers, can pick one up from the restaurant or ask for one to be posted.

Tandoori Parlour, which is the largest Indian restaurant in Essex and one of the first Indian restaurants to win the Tiffin Cup in 2005, is regularly featured in the Good Curry Guide.

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Tandoori Parlour, which is fully air conditioned and licensed, with full disabled facilities, and a free large car park opposite, also has a takeaway service.

The modern and vibrant restaurant is now taking bookings for Mother's Day, on Sunday, April 3, for which anyone interested in urged to book early to avoid disappointment.

Tandoori Parlour is open from noon to 2.30pm and 5.30pm to midnight from Monday to Saturday (last admission 10.30pm), and from noon to midnight (last admission 10.30pm) on Sunday.

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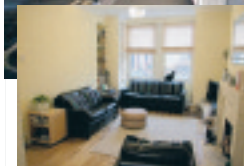
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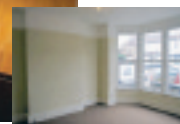
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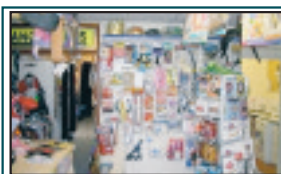
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Southchurch Village - £159,995

Modern well presented three bedroom semi detached house located within close proximity of all amenities. Lounge. Kitchen. Conservatory. Shower room. Double glazing. Off street parking. Realistically priced to sell.



Chalkwell - £154,950

Spacious two bedroom third floor purpose built apartment with lifts to all floors with excellent views down to the estuary and across the Chalkwell Estate. Lounge. West facing balcony. Kitchen. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Communal gardens and parking. Excellent decorative order throughout.



Shoeburyness - £199,995

Spacious four bedroom town house located close to Asda supermarket and mainline railway station. Lounge. Ground floor cloakroom. Modern kitchen with integrated appliances. Conservatory/dining room. Bathroom. Off road parking for two vehicles. Garage. Excellent decorative order. Excellent value.



Southend on Sea - £137,950

Two bedroom ground floor flat located within walking distance of Southend East railway station. Lounge. Kitchen. Double glazing. Gas fired heating. Rear garden approx 45'. Off street parking to front.



Westcliff on Sea - £144,995

Spacious two bedroom ground floor flat located close to Southend Hospital. Superb Lounge. Modern fitted kitchen. Gas central heating. Double glazed. Communal rear garden. Own parking space.



Southend on Sea - £54,995

One bedroom first floor ex local authority purpose built flat ideally suited to the first time purchaser. Own entrance door. Lounge. Kitchen. Shower room/w.c. Communal gardens.



Southend on Sea - £149,995

Two bedroom end terraced house located within close proximity of Southend seafront and walking distance of mainline railway station. Lounge. Kitchen. Double glazed. Warm air heating. South facing garden. Allocated parking. No onward chain.



Westcliff on Sea - £149,995

Unique opportunity. One bedroom detached bungalow located within close proximity of Southend Hospital. Lounge. Kitchen. Bathroom/w.c. Double glazed. Gas fired heating. Private garden. No onward chain. Parking via carport.



Rochford - £185,000

Immaculate two bedroom semi detached bungalow located in a semi rural location. Spacious lounge. Fully fitted kitchen. Conservatory. Double glazed. Gas central heating. Modern bathroom. Parking space. 50' rear garden. Backing onto farmland with extensive views.



Southend on Sea - £79,995

Just reduced second floor purpose built one bedroom apartment located close to town centre and mainline railway station. Lounge, modern fitted kitchen, off-street parking, security entry system, good decorative order. No onward chain.

LETTINGS



BOSCOMBE ROAD, SOUTHELD £495 PCM

FIRST FLOOR REAR ONE DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT CLOSE TO THE TOWN CENTRE. Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Shower room: Central Heating: Double Glazed: AVAILABLE END FEBRUARY: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS2 4JP



BRITANNIA ROAD, WESTCLIFF £550 PCM

LARGE NEWLY DECORATED GROUND FLOOR ONE/TWO BEDROOM FLAT CLOSE TO WESTCLIFF STATION. Lounge: modern fitted Kitchen with range style cooker: Central Heating: Private Parking Space: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS0 8BP



HIGH STREET, SHOEBURY £595 PCM

TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO EAST BEACH. Lounge: Modern fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Part double glazed: Garden: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS3 9AS



EASTERN ESPLANADE, SOUTHELD £725 PCM

SELF CONTAINED TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO SEAFRONT: Sec Ent: Large Lounge: Modern Kitchen: Shower room: Central Heating: Double Glazed: Parking: Garage: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS1 2YH



EASTERN ESPLANADE, SOUTHELD £695 PCM

TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM SEAFRONT MAISONETTE CLOSE TO SOUTHCURCH PARK: Own Ent Door: Lounge with balcony: Fitted Kitchen: Bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Double Glazed: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS1 2YP



WARWICK ROAD, THORPE BAY £675 PCM

GROUND FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO SEAFRONT: Lounge with access to rear garden: Modern kitchen with oven & hob: One double, one single bedroom: Central Heating: Parking: Garden: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS1 3BN



BURDETT AVENUE, WESTCLIFF £595 PCM

LARGE FIRST FLOOR FLAT CLOSE TO HAMLET COURT ROAD SHOPS: Large lounge: Modern kitchen/breakfast room: One double, one single bedroom: shower room / w.c.: Central Heating: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS0 7JN



PALMEIRA AVENUE, WESTCLIFF £795 PCM

LARGE GROUND FLOOR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT JUST OFF THE SEAFRONT: Lounge with open plan modern fitted kitchen with appliances: bathroom with shower: Central Heating: Parking: Communal gardens: AVAILABLE EARLY MARCH: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS0 7RP



ELMER AVENUE, SOUTHELD £595 PCM

GROUND FLOOR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM FLAT JUST OFF THE TOWN CENTRE: Ent Hall: Lounge: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Private section of Garden: AVAILABLE END FEBRUARY: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS1 1NB



SHOREFIELD ROAD, WESTCLIFF £750 PCM

IMMACULATE GROUND FLOOR TWO DOUBLE BEDROOM APARTMENT WITH ESTUARY VIEWS: Sec Ent: Large Lounge: Modern Kitchen/Breakfast room: Central Heating: New Carpets: Double Glazed: Parking: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS0 7RH



LEIGH HILL, LEIGH £1,400 PCM

SUPERB TWO/THREE BEDROOM COTTAGE IN THE HEART OF LEIGH CONSERVATION AREA: Lounge & Dining Room with open fireplace: Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast room: Balcony: Central Heating: Courtyard garden: AVAILABLE END MARCH: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS9 1AR



HIGHFIELD GARDENS, WESTCLIFF £1,200 PCM

LARGE FOUR DOUBLE BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSE CLOSE TO SOUTHELD HIGH SCHOOLS: Lounge with feature fireplace: Fitted Kitchen: Central Heating: Large Garden: Garage: Off road parking: AVAILABLE NOW: UNFURNISHED: NO PETS: SS0 0SX

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 <p>PALL MALL, LEIGH £269,950 4 Bed, Spacious Mid Terraced House. Sought after location. 3 Reception Rooms. Garage Space at Rear. Available Early Occupation.</p>	 <p>LEIGH £265,000 Excellent Semi Detached House situated central position. 3 Bedrooms. 2 Reception Rooms. Attractive Garden. Ample Garage Space and Parking. Must Be Viewed.</p>	 <p>SOMERSET ESTATE £347,500 Delightful, Character, 4 Bed Semi Detached House. 2 Reception Rooms. Fitted Kitchen. Secluded Garden. Garage and Parking. Must Be Viewed.</p>	 <p>CHALKWELL HALL ESTATE £210,000 Spacious, Purpose Built 2 Bedroom First Floor Flat in Small Residential Block. Lounge/Diner. Garage. Must Be Viewed.</p>	 <p>KINGSMEADE, WESTCLIFF £165,000 Excellent 2 Bedroom 1st Floor Retirement Apartment with Balcony and Sea Glimpses. Much Sought After Area. Highly Recommended.</p>

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EASTWOOD

£560,000






We are pleased to offer for sale this five bedroom detached property with the added benefit of a one bedroom self contained annex situated in a much sought after location. The property is being offered with no onward chain and early viewing is recommended to appreciate the accommodation on offer.

EASTWOOD


£145,000

we are pleased to offer for sale this one bedroom starter house which benefits from having its own garden and off street parking.

RAYLEIGH



£292,500



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this three bedroom detached property located on a private road on the Birds development within 1/2 mile of Rayleigh mainline station. Benefits include en-suite to master, conservatory and lounge measuring 18'. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

RAYLEIGH


£215,000

We are pleased to offer for sale this extended two bungalow which benefits from having dining room, lounge, kitchen and offers no onward chain.

RAYLEIGH


£249,995



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this four bedroom semi-detached property located in the Fitzwimarc catchment area of Rayleigh which benefits from having a 19' lounge, 17' kitchen/diner and a garage. The property also benefits from having no onward chain. Early inspection recommended.

HULLBRIDGE


£250,000



Situated on a good size corner plot is this extended three bedroom detached house available with no onward chain. The property offers ample parking a 45 ft square rear garden and conservatory.

RAYLEIGH


GUIDE PRICE £155,000



Price Range £155,000 - £160,000. Situated within a much requested development is this two bedroom semi detached property that has been maintained to a high standard by the present vendors. The property benefits from off street parking and garage, recently refitted kitchen.

RAYLEIGH


£183,995



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this two bedroom well maintained mid-terrace property located on the popular Birds Development of Rayleigh.

HULLBRIDGE


£214,995



Situated in Hullbridge is this three bedroom semi detached property offering fitted kitchen, ground floor cloakroom, integral garage with driveway parking. NO ONWARD CHAIN. The property is located 3.5 miles from Rayleigh Railway Station with direct links to London Liverpool Street.

RAYLEIGH


Offers over £200,000



Available with no onward chain is this character two bedroom semi-detached bungalow having the benefit of a mature and secluded rear garden measuring approximately 70 ft in length.

WAS £209,950


GUIDE PRICE £199,950



Hullbridge - Price Range £199,950 - £209,950. Situated in Hullbridge is this two bedroom semi detached bungalow offering lounge, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom and two bedrooms with a detached garage and off road parking. Front and rear gardens. OFFERED WITH NO ONWARD CHAIN.

RAYLEIGH


£235,000



A modern three bedroom semi-detached house which benefits from having ground floor cloakroom, en-suite to bedroom one, garage and driveway parking.

RAYLEIGH



£160,000



Connells are pleased to offer for sale this modern two bedroom ground floor apartment which benefits from having its own rear garden. It is located in the heart of Rayleigh town centre. Early viewing is recommended.

EASTWOOD



GUIDE PRICE £325,000

Price Range £325,000 - £339,999. This two bedroom detached bungalow has undergone much improvement by the present Vendor and benefits from having views from the rear garden across open farmland. The accommodation comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, garage and off-street parking.

RAYLEIGH



£240,000





Situated on the Little Wheatleys development is this attractive three bedroom detached house having the benefit of a conservatory, ground floor cloakroom and detached garage.

HULLBRIDGE

£227,000








Three bedroom semi-detached house located in the village of Hullbridge which benefits from having a 23' kitchen/diner, conservatory and 70' rear garden and driveway parking.

RAYLEIGH



£194,995

we are pleased to offer for sale this 2 bedroomed house which benefits from having 18ft lounge/diner and study area off street parking and benefits from having no onward chain early viewing is recommended.

HOCKLEY



£339,999





Dating back approximately 600 years is this three bedroom detached cottage which is situated within the heart of Hockley. The property boasts many features which include a vaulted beamed ceiling to the lounge, dining area, kitchen, utility room and four piece bathroom.

ROCHFORD

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SOUTHEND ON SEA £119,950

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GREAT WAKERING £177,500

Popular location of Great Wakering backing onto open farmland is this three bedroom end of terrace family house benefiting from three reception rooms and a good size kitchen/diner. The property has full double glazing and there is off street parking to the front. 95% Mortgage available subject to status



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £179,950

As vendors sole agents we are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this fully refurbished three bedroom terraced family house situated within a central location of Westcliff, close to all amenities. The property offers spacious living accommodation and benefits from newly installed double glazing and gas central heating along with bathroom and kitchen fittings. West backing garden.



SOUTHCHURCH £107,500

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this spacious one bedroom ground floor flat, situated in a sought after location of Southchurch. The property has the benefit of its own West backing rear garden and offers early vacant possession.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £179,995

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this well presented semi detached bungalow offering spacious accommodation throughout and benefiting from a well maintained South backing rear garden. The property is fully double glazed and there is a good size lounge/diner and two double bedrooms



RAYLEIGH OIRO £599,950

Being situated in excess of FIVE AND HALF ACRES is this three bedroom detached bungalow offering enormous scope and potential, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, en-suite wet room, three bedrooms, shower room/wc. St Johns Drive is situated within a private road with Apthorpe being at the Southerly end. The bungalow requires full refurbishment and benefits from various outhouses within the grounds. Keys held for viewings.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £184,995

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this vacant three bedroom semi detached family house offering two reception rooms. The property benefits from majority newly installed double glazing and gas central heating along with newly installed kitchen and bathroom. The property overlooks Victory sports ground.



THORPE BAY £300,000

We are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this four bedroom detached family house being situated within the sought after Burgess Estate and offering no onward chain. The property benefits from garage and off street parking, there is a ground floor cloakroom and full double glazing .



LEIGH ON SEA £269,950

Being situated within a central location of Leigh, South of the London Road is this four bedroom, three reception room terraced family house having the advantage of full gas central heating and double glazing. The property also has the advantage of a rear vehicular access and at the end of the garden has a hard standing area with potential for garage or car port.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £239,995

Character four bedroom, three reception room family home being sympathetically restored and having many original character features. The property benefits from full gas central heating and has an attractive South backing rear garden.



SOUTHEND ON SEA £109,950

Spacious purpose built two bedroom first floor apartment close to Prittlewell Station. Good Size Lounge, double glazing/gas central heating. Allocated off street parking. No onward chain.



CLIFFTOWN CONSERVATION AREA £259,950

Spacious 2nd and 3rd floor Cliff town maisonette within the Cliff town Conservation Ave. Superb extensive views over the Estuary. 21.8 x 18'4" Lounge/Diner, good size kitchen, two double bedrooms, Bathroom incorporating shower cubicle, separate wc



LEIGH ON SEA £285,000

An opportunity has arisen to purchase this completely refurbished and attractive three double bedroom terrace house situated within a sought after location of Leigh, South of the London Road A13 and close to Leigh Broadway. The property offers spacious accommodation and has the advantage of newly installed kitchen and bathroom along with heating system and double glazing, West backing garden.

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MILTON CONSERVATION AREA £700 pcm

Situated within this sought after Milton Conservation Area is this attractive first and second floor 2 bedroom maisonette, quality fitted kitchen with integrated appliances including fridge and freezer, washer/dryer, electric oven and ceramic hob with extractor fan, large lounge/diner, shower room. Off street parking



SOUTHEND ON SEA £700 pcm

Attractive three bedroom terraced family house, full double glazing, gas central heating, lounge, spacious dining room with door leading onto garden, ground floor shower room/wc, kitchen,



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £600 pcm

Being situated within a central location of Westcliff, is this well maintained two bedroom first floor flat, benefiting from modern fixtures and fittings throughout and offering no onward chain. The property includes a spacious lounge/diner and a hard standing providing off street parking for one vehicle.



LEIGH ON SEA £585 pcm

Immaculate second floor apartment situated within a central location of Leigh, close to Leigh Road and Chalkwell Station. Attractive lounge, fitted kitchen with integrated oven and hob with four ring gas hob and integrated refrigerator, plumbing and space for washing machine, double bedroom with wardrobe, bathroom/wc with shower over bath, full gas central heating.

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 Share of Freehold
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Three Bedrooms
 Off Road Parking
 Own Private Garden
 Conservatory
 Walking Distance to
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 No Onward Chain



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BEDROOMS**

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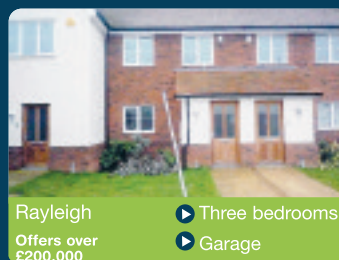
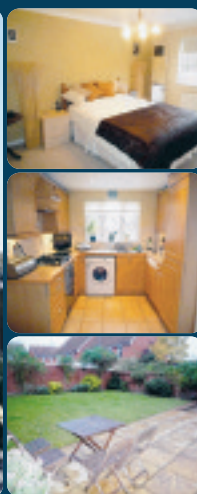
- ▶ Price Range £210,000 - £230,000
- ▶ Three bedrooms
- ▶ Conservatory/dining room
- ▶ Garage
- ▶ Popular location
- ▶ Modern fitted kitchen/breakfast
- ▶ Double glazing
- ▶ Viewing advised

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Rayleigh
Offers over
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- ▶ Price Range £250,000 - £270,000
- ▶ Three bedrooms
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- ▶ Garage
- ▶ Close to Station



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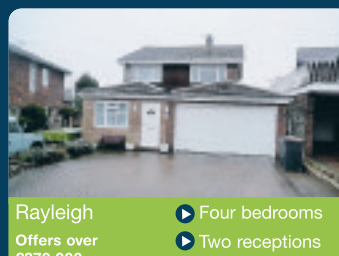
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- * Driveway with parking for two cars



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BENFLEET £225,000

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
- * Cul-de-sac location
- * L-shaped lounge/diner
- * Spacious kitchen/diner
- * Conservatory
- * 3pce bathroom suite
- * Utility room
- * Driveway with parking for two cars



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BENFLEET £229,995

- * Located in a quiet "no through road"
- * Lounge to front
- * Luxury kitchen/diner
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Upgraded 3pce 1st floor bathroom
- * Refitted 3pce ground floor shower room
- * 90' West facing rear garden
- * Large summer house
- * Independent driveway & garage space



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HADLEIGH £179,995

- * Located in a quiet turning with distant Estuary views
- * Two double bedrooms
- * Good sized lounge
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- * Kitchen
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SOUTHEND £775 pcm

- * Newly refurbished
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THUNDERSLEY £875 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
- * Two double bedrooms one single
- * Fitted kitchen with oven and hob



HADLEIGH £900 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi-detached house.
- * Two double bedrooms, one single.
- * Lounge with feature fireplace



THUNDERSLEY £900 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi- detached bungalow.
- * Good size lounge with feature fireplace.
- * Two ground floor bedrooms



WESTCLIFF ON SEA £1,350 pcm

- * Three bedroom semi detached house
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Q. Although to date we've had no viewings, we know from online marketing reports that a lot of people are searching for properties just like ours. Yet our agent is now suggesting that we drop our asking price!

A. Despite the continuing doom and gloom in the press, the fact is that sales are definitely happening - and in fact, the range of mortgage products on offer is actually on the increase again, which is another positive sign.

Against this background, I can understand why you might be puzzled at your agent's suggestion on price - particularly since, as you say, the online data shows that there are plenty of people out there looking for similar properties. Besides, if you haven't had any viewings yet - and the agent therefore has no buyer feedback on which to base his opinion - how can he be so certain that your asking price is too high?

I think the answer probably lies in those selfsame marketing reports you mention. It may well be that there are a large number of people going online and indicating their general interest in properties like yours. Even allowing for the fact that some online searches are merely done out of curiosity (or boredom!), that still leaves a significant number of people who are seriously looking and should therefore theoretically be interested in viewing your home. Some of them may even be clicking through to look at your property details. But clearly, what they are not doing is then contacting your agent to arrange a viewing!

Now, there are a number of reasons why this can happen. It may be, for example, that the photos are now out of date (at this time of year, pictures of gardens in full bloom are a dead giveaway that a property has been on the market for a long time!)

Ultimately, however, there is only one real reason why a property doesn't attract viewings, and that's because the asking price is too high. The bald truth is that any property in any condition will sell, if the price is right - whatever the prevailing market conditions. So, if you're serious about selling, I'm afraid you may well have to bite the bullet and lower your asking price after all.

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Asian buyers attracted to London and the South East

Homeowners in London and the south east could see the value of their home rise in the next few years, not just because of a housing shortage, but also due to rising demand fuelled by greater interest from overseas nationals.

The property market in London and its surrounding areas are benefitting from the surge in global wealth creation, particularly in Asia.

Over £800 million worth of property - equivalent to around 2,500 homes in London - were sold at exhibitions in Singapore, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong last year, according to research by CB Richard Ellis (CBRE).

Jenett Siebrits, Head of Residential Research UK for CB Richard Ellis, estimates that between five and 10 percent of buyers were Chinese, although she expects this figure to grow, as the London property market looks like an increasingly attractive investment proposition.

The report said that the majority of Asian buyers are investors seeking to cash in on long term capital growth as well as rising rental returns. Most investors are looking in established markets, such as Canary Wharf and the City, as well as regeneration areas where transport links are improving.

Kidbrooke Village in SE3 and SE9, one of the largest regeneration schemes in Europe, is attracting a lot of attention from Asian buyers.

Berkeley Homes, the developer behind the project, have factored Asia property investors into the marketing strategy. The house builder launched the first private homes at Kidbrooke Village for sale in Asia six months ago. The first new homes, starting from £207,000, will only be made available to buy in the UK from March.

The development will feature over 4,800 new homes, approximately 300,000 square foot of commercial and retail space, community facilities, integrated healthcare facilities, sports pitches, a hotel and a new transport interchange. The development will take around 20 years to complete.

"The development will create a new vibrant destination in which people from all backgrounds and areas of London will aspire to work and live," said Paul Vallone of Berkeley Homes.

Elsewhere, Weston Homes will be launching its new King's Island development located at the former William King Flour Mill site at Uxbridge in March; a gated development surrounded by the Grand Union Canal and River Colne.

King's Island includes 24 three and four bedroom new build and listed conversion family houses, priced from £499,995, along with 127 one and two bedroom apartments.

Weston Homes will be actively marketing King's Island in Asia, with an exhibition in Hong Kong and Macau in March.

Bob Weston, Weston Homes Chairman and Chief Executive, commented: "There is an increasing amount of interest from Asian buyers in the greater London area and we are holding a King's Island exhibition in Hong Kong and Macau to showcase this new development to potential investors."

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Westwood Estate, Hadleigh £230,000

Two/Three Bedroom Semi Detached Bungalow - Extremely Sought After Westwood Location - Lounge 17'5 x 10'9 - Dining Room 11'10 x 8'10 - Kitchen 10'10 x 9'10 - Bedroom One 12'7 x 10'11 - Bedroom Two 11'0 x 9'11 - Bedroom Three/Study 12'3 x 7'5 - Three Piece Bathroom Suite - Three Piece Shower Room - Easily Maintainable Rear Garden - Backing Directly On To Westwoods With Direct Access So Having Attractive Outlook To Rear - General Modernisation Required - Deceptively Spacious Accommodation - A Short Distance From Hadleigh Town Centre - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Thundersley £235,000

Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home - Lounge 16'10 x 15'3 - Dining Room 10'0 x 8'2 - Kitchen 10'4 x 8'9 - Conservatory 8'7 x 7'7 - Bedroom One 12'6 x 9'1 - Bedroom Two 13'1 x 8'1 - Bedroom Three 8'2 x 7'6 - Bathroom - Backing On To Westwood Woodland - Cul- De-Sac Location - Detached Garage And Drive - Warm Air Central Heating - Double Glazing - Sole Agents - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £225,000

Two Bedroom Detached Bungalow - Good Size West Backing Garden - Lounge 18'7 x 11'10 - Bedroom One 11'10 x 10'11 - Bedroom Two 12'4 x 10'11 - Kitchen 10'11 x 8'11 - Dining Room 9'0 x 7'7 - Mostly Double Glazed - Full Gas Central Heating - Extremely Convenient Location - Off Street Parking - Sole Agents

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Hadleigh £145,000

Two Bedroom Purpose Build Second Floor Apartment - Lounge 14'7 x 10'10 - Kitchen 10'9 x 6'2 - Bedroom One 13'6 x 8'2 - Bedroom Two 11'4 x 6'5 - Off Street Parking For Two Cars - Long Lease - Well Maintained - Popular And Sought After Development - Easy Access Of Town Centre, Hadleigh Castle and Morrisons Etc - Viewing Advised

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Leigh-on-Sea Guide Price £210,000 - £215,000

Deceptively Spacious Two Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment - Sought After Highlands Estate - Lounge 14'10 x 13'3 - Dining Room 13'4 x 7'4 - Kitchen 13'1 x 6'4 - Bedroom One 15'7 x 13'11 > 8'1 - Bedroom Two 18'6 x 9'2 - Utility Cupboard Newly Installed Four Piece Bathroom Suite - Own Private Rear Garden - Garage And Off Street Parking - Westleigh School Catchment - Easy Access Of All Amenities - Must Be Viewed

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Leigh-on-Sea £172,500

Two Bedroom Purpose Built Top Floor Apartment - Popular Leigh Location - Lounge 14'7 x 13'3 - Kitchen 9'9 x 9'4 - Bedroom One 11'11 x 10'4 - Bedroom Two 9'8 x 8'7 - Minutes From Local Shops - Easy Access Of Chalkwell Station And Chalkwell Park - Sole Agent - Viewing Advised

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Hadleigh £275,000

Three/Four Bedroom Detached Chalet - Huge Rear Garden In Excess Of 120ft - Garage And Own Driveway - Lounge 25'2 x 13'3 - Sitting Room/Bedroom Four 15'10 x 12'5 - Kitchen 12'9 x 10'5 - Conservatory 11'4 x 12'0 - Ground Floor Bedroom Three 9'11 x 9'6 - Ground Floor Four Piece Bathroom Suite 9'6 x 7'1 - First Floor Master Bedroom 16'0 x 12'11 - First Floor Bedroom Two 16'2 x 10'1 - First Floor Shower Room - Double Glazed Throughout - Full Gas Central Heating - Extremely Popular And Sought After Location - Few Minutes Walk Of Hadleigh Nature Reserve And Local Shopping Facilities - Sole Agent - Hadleigh/Leigh Borders - Viewing Advised

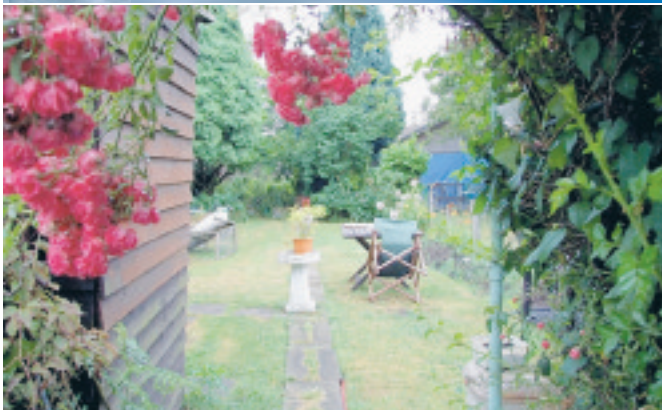
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Rayleigh £139,995

Modern stylishly decorated two bedroom first floor apartment located within the prestigious Coppice Gate development at Rayleigh. The property features spacious living space and is an ideal first time purchase. In an effort to assist first time buyers the property is included within the Government assisted Key worker scheme which allows the buyer to pay 80% of the value hence the reduced asking price. Quick sale possible.

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Rayleigh £199,995

Attractive Carter & Ward bungalow positioned close to Rayleigh Town Centre. The property has been refurbished to a good standard to include modern kitchen, Upvc double glazed Conservatory, two bedrooms and modern shower room. Outside is a neat rear garden and off street parking. No Chain - Keys held.

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Rayleigh £189,995

Attractive three bedroom semi detached cottage positioned within short walking distance of the Town Centre and easy access to Rayleigh Station. The property offers spacious accommodation including lounge/diner, three good sized bedrooms, large rear garden, garage and off street parking. Early viewing essential.

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Eastwood £199,995

An older style two bedroom detached bungalow situated within a popular and convenient residential area close to Eastwood shopping area. The property has the added advantage of a large rear garden and garage. No onward chain - keys held for viewing!

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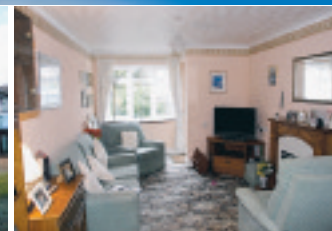
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Rayleigh £129,995

A spacious well presented ground floor retirement apartment in this prestigious sought after development. The property is conveniently situated for all local amenities and benefits many fine features including an 18'3" lounge/diner with own door to front, attractive fitted kitchen, double glazing and a fully tiled bathroom. Early viewing advised, key held.

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Rayleigh £349,995

Spacious three bedroom detached chalet - Stunning 60ft approx rear garden with further 120ft approx wooded area to rear - Lounge - Kitchen with cream units - Conservatory - Ground floor bathroom - First floor shower room with double size shower cubicle - Garage and off street parking - Double glazed -

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Rayleigh £289,950

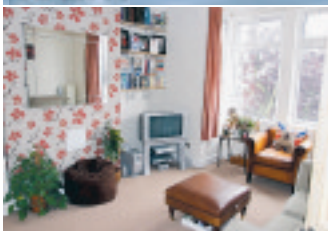
An attractive modern detached family house affording exceptionally spacious well planned living accommodation with the advantage of four good sized bedrooms, two separate reception rooms and an 18ft approx rear garden. Situated in this much sought after established residential area with close proximity of all local amenities including schools, shops and regular bus services to surrounding areas. The property requires some updating whilst offering enormous potential. No onward chain. Keys held.

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Westcliff On Sea £119,995

A really spacious two bedroom first floor flat ideally located for Chalkwell Park and the comprehensive shopping area on the London Road. The property is very well decorated including a spacious lounge with bay window. The sellers are able to offer no onward chain! Early viewing essential

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Eastwood £219,995

An outstanding semi detached character style bungalow which must be viewed internally to be fully appreciated. Situated in this popular and convenient residential area close to park, local schools, shops and regular bus routes to surrounding areas. The property affords spacious well presented living accommodation with two good size bedrooms, attractive fitted kitchen, uPVC double glazing, superb lounge with fireplace, good sized rear garden and extensive off street parking. Early viewing essential.

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Eastwood £245,000

A deceptively spacious well presented three bedroom semi detached chalet style residence affording exceptionally spacious well planned living accommodation. The property benefits many fine features throughout including a superb 22'0 x 14'0 max lounge, 20'0 x 10'5 uPVC conservatory and a magnificent large mature garden with sunny aspect.

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The Chase Location, Thundersley £375,000

Attractive Four Bedroom Detached Family Home - Popular Chase Development - King John School Catchment - Lounge 22'10 x 12'10 - Dining Room 10'10 x 9'10 - Luxury Conservatory With Under Floor Heating 29'11 x 9'2 - Kitchen 17'2 x 9'10 - Four First Floor Bedrooms - Master With En-Suite - Attached Garage With Remote Control - Double Glazed Throughout - Extremely Well Maintained - East Backing Garden - Sole Agent - Viewing Recommended

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Warren Road, Leigh-on-Sea £925,000

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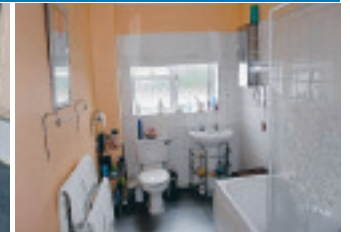
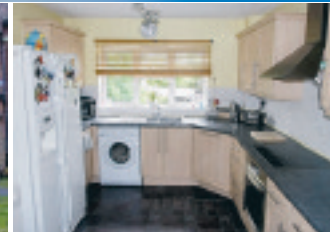
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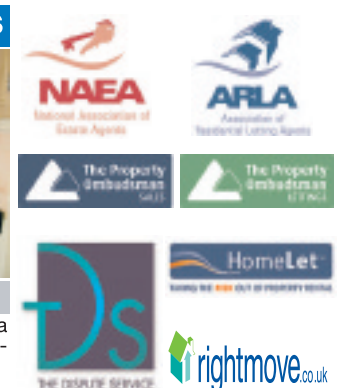
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Hadleigh £900 pcm

Spacious three bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a sought after location. This property benefits from a good size lounge, en-suite to master, off street parking & garage. Viewings strongly advised.

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EASTWOOD £165,000

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LEIGH ON SEA £349,995

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ROCHFORD £895 PCM

BE QUICK... Attractive 3 bedroom semi backing west in King Edmund catchment. Modern kitchen nad bathroom, garage and parking. Close to station and town centre. Working applicants only. ref: ebe2725



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LIVE IN LUXURY... Truly outstanding g/f one bed apartment in prestigious development. Immaculate order. Beautifully equipped. Allocated parking. Close to Prittlewell station and shops etc. Really must be seen. Ref: ebe2735



SOUTHCHURCH VILLAGE £187,500

WONDERFUL IN WIMBORNE... Favoured Southchurch Village position. Superb and much improved 3 bedroom, 2 reception family house, 85'0 south backing garden, newly fitted kitchen and bathroom, double glazing, gas central heating, no onward chain. Recommended. Ref: ebe2732



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2 Bed Bungalow In Need Of Modernisation. Off Street Parking.
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£10,000 REDUCTION



3 Bedroom House. Easy Access To High Street. Detached Garage. Complete Onward Chain.
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120FT Rear Garden. 4 Bedrooms. En-Suite. Study. Dining Room. Ground Floor Cloakroom.
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NEW



4 Bedroom Bungalow. Conservatory. Bathroom & Shower Room. South West Backing. Garden. Close To Shops & Bus Routes.
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NEW



3 Bedroom House. Modern Kitchen. Garage. Lounge & Dining Area.
Eastwood £209,995



3 Bedrooms. Modern Fitted Kitchen. Off Street Parking & Garage.
Eastwood £235,000

£25,000 REDUCTION



2 Bedroom Bungalow With Detached Garage. South Facing Garden. No Chain.
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150FT GARDEN



3 Bedrooms. Grove & Fitzwimarc School Catchment. Utility Room. Dining Area. Extended.
Rayleigh £215,000

NEW



Close To Bus Routes & Shops. 2 Bedrooms. 21FT Lounge. Re-Fitted Kitchen. 60FT Garden.
Eastwood £219,995

NEW



Close To Supermarket. Bus Routes & Country Park. 3 Bedrooms. Kitchen/Diner. Ground Floor Shower Room. Utility Area. Landscaped Rear Garden.
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2 Bedrooms. UPVC Double Glazing. No Onward Chain. Re-Fitted Bathroom.
Eastwood £180,000



Refurbished Throughout. 3 Bedrooms. Ground Floor Bathroom. First Floor Cloakroom. No Onward Chain.
Eastwood £239,995

140FT REAR GARDEN



4 Bedrooms. Separate Dining Room. En-Suite Bathroom. Detached Garage.
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NO ONWARD CHAIN



2 Bedrooms. UPVC Double Glazed. Close To Shops & Bus Routes. Detached Garage.
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NO ONWARD CHAIN



Refurbished Throughout. En-Suite. 3 Bedrooms. Detached Garage. UPVC Double Glazing.
Rochford £285,000



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£7,000 REDUCTION



Ground Floor Cloaks. Sep Dining Room. 4 Bedrooms. Re-Fitted Kitchen. Double Glazed.
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Fully Refurbished. Extended. 2/3 Reception Rooms. Downstairs Cloakroom. 3 Bedrooms. 75FT Rear Garden.
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£10,000 REDUCTION



3 Bedrooms. Conservatory. Bathroom W/C. Double Glazed. Gas Radiator Heating.
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1 Bedroom Retirement Apartment. Good Communal Facilities. Close To Shops & Bus Routes. No Onward Chain.
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Immaculate 3 Bedroom detached Property. Un Overlooked Garden. Conservatory. Det Garage. Close To Station.
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1 Bed 1ST Floor Flat. Share Of Rear Garden. Modern Kitchen. Off Street Parking.
Rayleigh £125,000



Ground Floor Cloakroom. Kitchen/Breakfast Room. Conservatory style dining/Family Room. En-Suite.
Rayleigh £230,000

£2,000 REDUCTION



No Onward Chain. 2 Bedrooms. South Backing Garden. Off Street Parking. Close To Shops, Bus Routes & Park.
Eastwood £157,000

£5,000 REDUCTION



2 Bedrooms. Double Glazed Conservatory. 83FT Rear Garden. Off Street Parking.
Rayleigh £189,995

NO ONWARD CHAIN



Extended 3 Bedroom House. Separate Dining Room. Utility Area. Downstairs Cloaks. Garage.
Eastwood £165,000



4 Bedrooms. Kitchen/Diner. Ground Floor Shower Room. Green lane Area.
Eastwood Offers In Excess Of £250,000

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2 Bedrooms. 72FT Rear Garden. Dining Room. UPVC Double Glazing. Off Street Parking.
Eastwood £174,995

NEW



2 Reception Rooms. 4 Bedrooms. Ground Floor shower Room. 80FT Garden.
Rayleigh £289,950

£10,000 REDUCTION



3 Bedrooms. Kitchen/Diner. Ground Floor Cloakroom. Garage. Heycroft School Catchment.
Eastwood £179,995

£5,000 REDUCTION



2 Bedroom Bungalow. Double Glazed. Gas Radiator Heating. Detached Garage. No Onward Chain.
Eastwood £182,500



1 Bedroom. Bathroom/Wc. 2 Off Street Parking Spaces. Within 5 mins Walk Of Station. Vendor Can Vacate.
Rayleigh £138,000



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RAYLEIGH £179,995

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RAYLEIGH £210,000

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RAYLEIGH £850PCM

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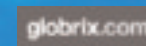
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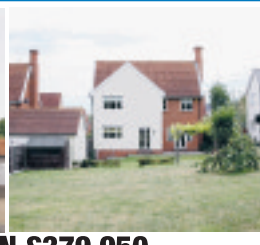
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HOCKLEY £265,000

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HOCKLEY £460,000

Situated in a sought after location within walking distance of village shops, schools and a main line railway station is this truly immaculate five bedroom detached family home. The property has a rear garden measuring in excess of 140ft and has a detached pitched roof garage measuring 19'4 x 19'3. EWH3855

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HOCKLEY £199,995

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow in an excellent location very close to shops, bus links and a main line railway station. The property benefits from a double glazed conservatory to the rear measuring 19' x 7'6, a rear garden measuring 42ft and a detached garage. Offered with no onward chain. EWH3839

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ASHINGDON £379,995

An immaculate three bedroom detached bungalow with an spacious reception hall measuring 23' x 13'6, three good size bedrooms, en-suite to bedroom one, a lounge measuring 20'3 x 19' max, a dining room measuring 13' x 9'1, rear garden measuring approx 105ft deep and a detached pitched roof garage 18'2 x 17'7. No onward chain. EWH3854

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HOCKLEY £220,000

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HOCKLEY £212,500

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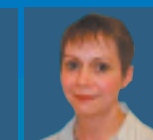
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- Spacious family bathroom
- West backing secluded garden
- Garage and ample parking
- Ref: ESH1420

Hockley £225,000



- New Listing
- Close to Hockley station
- Through lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen/breakfast room
- Three bedrooms
- Study
- Ground floor cloakroom
- Luxury bathroom suite
- No onward chain
- Secluded garden
- Ref: ESH1425

Rochford £199,950



- New Listing
- Popular location
- Lounge
- Fitted Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Shower room
- Upvc conservatory
- Garage
- 90' secluded garden
- Ref: ESH1426

Hawkwell £239,950



- New Listing
- Attractive lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Bathroom/w.c.
- Full width conservatory
- Gas central heating
- Two bedrooms
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- Detached garage
- 100' west backing garden
- Ref: ESH1432

Hockley £325,000



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- Extended accommodation
- Sought-after location
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- Ground floor shower room
- Four bedrooms
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- Minutes walk to centre
- Ideal family home
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- Very spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
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- Spacious bath/shower room
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Westcliff On Sea £325,000



- New Listing
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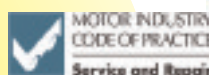
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A Hyundai of the modern era

SHOULDE the increasing numbers of us who covet SUV ownership feel a twinge of guilt? The green lobby would have it so, but their argument that a conventional estate car or an MPV would be a more eco-friendly choice isn't usually born out by the figures.

Not at least, if you're looking at a compact, soft-roading SUV like this one: Hyundai's ix35, here tested in entry-level 2.0-litre Style 2WD petrol form. Did I say 'SUV'? Perhaps I shouldn't have.

Hyundai certainly doesn't call it that. This apparently, is yet another of those 'Crossover' models - family hatches with 4x4 styling cues offering the tough looks people like without the weight and running costs they don't.

Lots of cars are claiming to be 'Crossovers' these days but some of them are more 4x4-ish than others.

There's a faint whiff of 'pretend' in this respect with a Nissan Qashqai or a Peugeot 3008, but you don't feel it here.

Like a Ford Kuga or a Skoda Yeti, the ix35 simply feels like a small SUV with all the clumsy, clunky bits filtered out. So you sit on a

proper SUV-like perch at the wheel, higher than you would in a Qashqai, and there's a 4WD system that seems to have been integrally engineered into the design, rather than added on as an afterthought.

Two wheel drive variants, like the 2.0-litre petrol version we're looking at here, are of course for those buyers who'd rather do without all-wheel drive - and you can understand their point of view.

The ix35, does after all, even in its 4WD guises, spend most of its time being front driven. Whatever your choice, the day-to-day usability of the car is good.

Wanting not to scare off school run mums, Hyundai points out that this car, based on their Focus-sized i30 model, is no longer than a Vauxhall Astra family hatch, but that still makes it nearly 4.5 metres long, 10cm longer than a Nissan Qashqai.

It certainly feels bigger than an Astra, both on the road and on your driveway, mainly because of its height.

Though admittedly shorter than the Tucson it replaced, this ix35's perceived loftiness gives it a bulk and a presence that Crossover

buyers will probably rather like.

While the coupe-style tapering side windows and roofline will appeal to Focus-segment families looking for something a bit different. So far, so good.

At the wheel, you do pay a little for those dramatic exterior lines, the large front and rear corner pillars and the narrow rear windscreen restricting vision a little - which is perhaps why Hyundai thoughtfully includes rear reversing sensors as standard equipment.

You quickly adjust to it though, and the large door mirrors help.

As for back seat passengers, well once they've adjusted to smaller side windows that come courtesy of the high, rising waistline, they'll be very comfortable as long as they're not overly tall.

Large door openings are welcome too, making it easy to lump child seats in and out: this would be a fun family car.

At under £17,000, this 2WD 2.0-litre petrol Style variant will save you around £1,500 over a comparable diesel ix35 and £2,500 over a 4WD diesel variant.

Which means that, in an

age when a bog-standard 1.6-litre Ford Focus Estate is price-listed at close to £20,000, it's not difficult to see this Hyundai's appeal. Crossover rivals like a comparable Nissan Qashqai or Skoda Yeti would offer marginally more performance but would cost you £500-£900 more.

For some reason, Hyundai doesn't feel able to match its partner Kia's seven year warranty but its unlimited mileage five year policy is still better than all other rivals, also coming as it does with five years of breakdown cover and five years of annual health checks.

Running costs should certainly be well contained,

Hyundai reckoning that three years of service and repair will cost you less than a sales rep's Ford Focus.

Inevitably, the 2.0-litre petrol isn't quite as good at the pumps as its diesel counterpart - expect 37.7mpg on the combined cycle as opposed to the 51.4mpg you'd get from the diesel. CO2 is 177g/km.

So, what do we have? The tough looks of an SUV, the sensible practicality of a 5-seater mini-MPV and the affordability of a family hatchback.

These are the facts behind an ix35 model good enough to attract many new buyers to the Hyundai brand, particularly perhaps in entry-level 2.0-litre Style petrol form.

It's nicely built and efficient to run. No, it's not perfect - a class-leading family hatch might offer slightly sharper handling and better all-round visibility - but these aren't deal-breaking issues. More important will be this model's competitive pricing and lengthy warranty.

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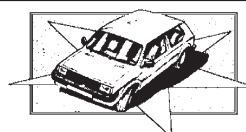
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Corr on target as Blues earn a point at Torquay

Southend United

STRIKER Barry Corr's 14th goal of the season earned Southend a point at fellow League Two play-off hopefuls Torquay United on Saturday.

The former Exeter City striker struck nine minutes from time after Billy Kee had given the Devon hosts the lead eight minutes earlier.

It kept up Southend's good run of form, but one negative was the injury suffered to influential midfielder Anthony Grant, who was stretchered off after receiving a boot to the face.

Blues boss Paul Sturrock said: "[Anthony Grant] is a bit concussed. I think the boot in the face was the problem and the doctor decided he was too badly injured to carry on."

"When the game started I thought both sides looked too tired teams and I think the first half proved that."

"The pitch did not help this and both teams looked like they'd used most of their energy on Tuesday night."

The first half saw chances few and far between with Gulls' striker Chris Zebroski cutting inside from the left and unleashing a fierce shot which Blues keeper Rhys

Evans dealt with.

Ryan Hall had the best of Southend's chance in the opening period, but former Canvey Island stopper Danny Potter kept out his efforts while a header went inches wide.

Torquay stepped up the pressure in the second half with Guy Branston heading over the crossbar while Evans had to keep out Kevin Nicholson's shot.

Grant's kick in the head took place in his own area, when he stooped low to head the ball under challenge from Lee Mansell.

After a period of lengthy treatment, the former Chelsea man was stretchered off.

The hosts took the lead on 73 minutes when Zebroski somehow fashioned a cross from the right and Kee converted from close range.

Blues pushed forward for the equaliser and got it when skipper Craig Easton burst into the box and fired in a cross which was made its way to Corr at the far post to score.

The striker could have won it for Southend, but his curling shot was saved by Potter, while Evans did well to keep out Danny Stevens' effort after a mazy run.

However, a point was a fair reflection of the match.



GOAL: Barry Corr in action earlier this season.

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Nicknamed The Hammer, Hitzlsperger seemed the perfect signing for the Hammers, but injury has delayed his first appearance for more than eight months.

However, the former Aston Villa man powered home a trademark thunderbolt on 23 minutes to set the Irons on their way to a comprehensive 5-1 victory over Burnley in the FA Cup fifth round.

Hitzlsperger's goal was all that separated the two sides in a close first half, but the game was all but over within five minutes of the restart after the break.

Carlton Cole got away with a handball in the process of scoring West Ham's second on 48 minutes, but the England international showed his class with a superb finish past Lee Grant two minutes later after Mark Noble split the defence with an excellent pass.

Burnley tried to close ranks, but Winston Reid made it 4-0 on 59 minutes with a header from Hitzlsperger's corner. The visitors did get one back as West Ham's calamitous side reared its ugly head again. Wayne Bridge's back pass to Robert Green was dangerous and as the keeper tried to clear, the ball hit Tyrone Mears and bounced nicely for Jay Rodriguez to head home.

Freddie Sears restored the gloss to the result with a fifth in added on time as West Ham cruised to a sixth round tie at Stoke.

The Irons entertain Liverpool at Upton Park in the Premier League on Sunday. Kick off at 1.30pm.

Women's Football

Go and see a top match

TOP level women's football is coming to London in April and May as it hosts matches between England and USA and the UEFA Women's Champions League final.

The USA side is ranked number one in the world and play their first ever game in this country when they visit Leyton Orient's Matchroom Stadium on Saturday, April 2.

The match will act as a warm up ahead of this summer's World Cup in Germany. Hope Powell's team have been drawn in Group B alongside Japan, Mexico and New Zealand.

FA Charter Standard Clubs will be able to apply for 15 tickets each from the second week in March.

Meanwhile, Fulham's Craven Cottage has the honour of playing host to the 2010/11 UEFA Women's Champions League Final on Thursday, May 26.

Families of four can gain admission to the England game for as little as £10. Alternatively, adult tickets cost £5 and concessions £2.50 from the hotline on (0871) 310 1883 or online at www.leytonorient.com

Tickets for the Champions League game can be purchased for £3 for under 16s and £5 for adults at www.fulhamfc.com/tickets or by calling (0843) 2081234 (Option 1) 24 hours a day, seven days a week (no booking fees apply online).

Volleyball

Estonians eye final spot

A VOLLEYBALL team are just one match away from making the Volleyball England National Shield Cup Final.

Brentwood Estonians host Danes Watford in the semi-finals of the competition on Saturday at Sawyers Hall College, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood.

Warm-up for the semi-final clash starts at 12pm, with the spike off starting at 12.30pm.

Barking march on at top, while Southend pick up win

Rugby Union

A SECOND half try from Kevin Sorrell ensured Barking won a hard-fought match against Otley in National League One on Saturday.

In miserable conditions at the Goresbrook, league leaders Barking were made to work by the visitors who sit second bottom.

In a low scoring encounter, two penalties from Barking's Adam Armstrong put them 6-0 up, with Christian Georgiou kicking one in reply for Otley.

The decisive moment came on the hour mark with Sorrell going over the line, with Armstrong kicking the conversion.

The Eastenders remain top of National League One, but are level on points with London Scottish, who picked up a bonus point in their 5-41 win at Sedgley Park.

Southend battled to a 21-12 victory over Canterbury in National Two South.

On a wet and muddy pitch, Southend immediately took the initiative with Andrew Frost kick-

ing a penalty before Mark Billings registered their first try on 16 minutes after good work from Alan Barker.

Frost kicked to the conversion to make it 10-0.

Southend continued to keep up the pressure on a pitch cutting up badly. Frost made it 13-0 with another penalty.

The Kent visitors finally registered their first points on the board and pushing forward, and Michael Melford touched down.

Nick Dangerfield converted to bring the scores to 13-7 and remained that way to half-time.

Canterbury resumed where they had left off in the first half, but the pitch made it even more difficult for running rugby.

Southend's Michael Guess was sin-binned for back chatting to the referee, which Canterbury took advantage off.

Prop James Green went over the line, but Dangerfield missed the conversion to leave only a point between them at 13-12.

Southend responded and Sam

Arnot dived over the line for the try. Frost missed the conversion but the lead increased to 18-12.

With the game still in the balance, Frost saw Southend over the line with another penalty as Southend took the win 21-12.

In London One North, runaway leaders Westcliff's match against Bury St Edmunds was postponed.

Chingford dropped down a position to fourth after losing 10-17 to Old Colfeians.

Thurrock moved level on points with Chingford after beating bottom side Stevenage Town 26-13, while Brentwood suffered a disappointing 22-6 loss at Letchworth Garden City.

Woodford lost 15-20 to Eton Manor to drop third bottom.

In London Two North East, leaders Rochford Hundred slipped up at third place Romford & Gidea Park, losing 21-13.

It means they are only a point above Braintree in the table, with Romford keeping a watching brief in third.

Elsewhere, Chelmsford retain an

outside chance after another win, this time at Saffron Walden, winning 7-29.

Canvey Island got back on track at Sudbury, winning 10-11.

In London Three North East, a home win was awarded to leaders Lowestoft & Yarmouth over Campton.

Second place Basildon are five points behind following their 16-35 victory at Norwich, while Wanstead lost 15-22 at Newmarket.

But there were victories for Bancoft over South Woodham Ferrers by 13-0, while Upminster won 5-14 at Wymondham.

Mersea Island dropped to the bottom following their 36-5 defeat at previous backmarkers Wisbech.

Essex One: Brightlingsea 10-18 Billericay; Clacton 12-22 Maldon; Old Cooperians 12-24 East London; Pegasus Palmerians 21-22 Old Brentwoods; Thames 10-42 Millwall.

Essex Two: Kings Cross Steelers 3-15 Writtle Wanderers; Runwell Wyverns 0-22 Ilford Wanderers; Upper Clapton 56-0 Phantoms.